

KEEPING FAITH FIRST- FAMILY FUN

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CROSS
DAUGHTER
DISCIPLE
LOSE
LOVES
FATHER
MOTHER
PROPHET

RECEIVE
REWARD
RIGHTEOUS
SAKE
SON
WATER

Catechizing Corner!

The situation of Matthew's community was the lens through which the story of Jesus surrender and self-sacrifice is told. The sacrifice of the cross is the model for all who are persecuted for a just cause. Those who serve the mission will ultimately share the death of Christ, but they will also share his resurrection. To embrace one's cross is a parable in action. A parable turns the expected over upside down and in a "aha!" moment, reveals the presence and action of God. The cross was an instrument of torture. The culture of Jesus day considered it an absurdity to even remotely suggest that the cross was a means of redemption. A modern-day corollary would be for us to say, "the electric chair is our strength and our salvation." However, we boldly assert that "there is no salvation except through the cross, no savior except Christ dead on the cross and risen." The primary focus of all the gospels is the call to carry the cross. Thus, when disciples promote the ministry of the word, they bear the cross of Christ to the world. Disciples also carry the cross when they embrace the trials and tribulations associated with life and the mission of Christ. This is what it means to live the paschal mystery.

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Disciple's Reflection

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Question of the Week

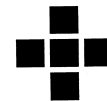
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
7/2/2023

A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
Matthew 10:27-42

Faith Sharing
Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples of Jesus Christ connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Matthew 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.

Whoever receives a **prophet** because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water

Gospel Glossary

A prophet is one who knows the mind of God and shares this with others

A disciples is one who follows a great leader, in this case, follows Jesus

to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a **disciple**--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

The Gospel of the Lord



Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults: When have you felt more fully alive by giving to another?

Teens: Jesus tells us to welcome others. How do teens like to be welcomed?

Children: How do you feel when you make a new friend?

Families: When have you been able to put what someone else needs ahead of what you want for yourself?

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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