

## KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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## Catechizing Corner!

This section of Matthew's Gospel deals with Jesus' sermon on the church. It is a simple, concise, profound, and very direct portrait of what church life is intended to be. Church life is relational.

Members of the church are first in relationship with Christ and then with one another. The foundation for these relationships will be built upon the fortress of humility, love, mutual care and concern, unity and the forgiveness and correction of one another. The church of Christ is a church comprised of people who are fully aware of their identity. They know that they belong to God, that they are God's children.

When we serve God as God intends (by laying down our lives for others), we will share in God's peace.

*Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook.*

*Cycle A Paulist Press*



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## Disciple's Reflection

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## Question of the Week

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

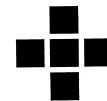
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God  
Matthew 18:21-35

Faith Sharing  
Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



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## 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 John 3:13-17

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

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Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him

### Gospel Glossary

**To perish** means to die.

**To condemn** means to declare something worthless or to order that it be destroyed.

may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

## The Gospel of the Lord



## Faith Sharing

**Questions of the Week:**

**Children:** Tell about that last time you forgave someone?

**Teen:** What do you seek pardon for?

**Adult:** Why is it so hard to forgive?

**Family:** Make a list of healing words-hint: Some are found in today's reading.

## Closing Prayer

God our Father, in obedience to you, your only Son accepted death on the cross for the salvation of all. We acknowledge the mystery of the cross on earth. May we receive the gift of heaven.

We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord,

Amen

*Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*