

Dear Parents,

I hope you are having a good week. Waking up to snow on the ground this morning was quite a sight! Once Halloween is over and we start seeing snow, I start to think about how Christmas is approaching. It is in these moments that I realize that our liturgical year is soon ending and Advent will soon be here!

This weekend we are celebrating the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary time

Let's pray together this week for:

- The Church, always there to support us in our times of need
- For peace and understanding amongst all people of the world
- For people who may go unnoticed and overlooked by us and others, that we may open our eyes and hearts to them and bring them the peace of Christ
- For us, St. Veronica's parishioners, and all parish communities, as we go forward and spread the Good News of our Lord.

The lesson plan this week is to complete the exercise in their duo tang and cover the chapter in their work book.

The chapter to cover in their "Be My Disciples" book this week is:

- Level One – Chapter 17
- Level Two – Chapter 23
- Level Three – Chapter 21
- Level Four – Chapter 12
- Level Five – Chapter 7
- Level Six – Chapter 10

You will find below the duo tang masters that show different questions than those you received in your duo tang. Remember, the questions to be answered are those in the duo-tang you received at book pick-up, not the questions on the masters below. I encourage you to use the questions below to open a dialogue with your child. Children in Pre-K and K will also enjoy the Interactive Bible Story of the week.

The prayer service this week can be found at <https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2020-11-08>

Feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Have a Blessed week!

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SAUL TO PAUL

Converted to Christianity

Acts 9:1-31 ♦ RHYTHM STORY

There was a man whose name was Saul.
He hated Christians so.
He tortured and arrested them
wherever he would go.

While traveling down the road one day
there came a brilliant light.
It startled him and made him fall.
His mind was filled with fright.

A voice came out of heaven.
It was no one Saul could see.
Jesus asked an important question:
“Why are you persecuting me?”

When you hurt the ones who love me,
you are hurting me as well.
I would like to change your heart Saul,
so my praises you will tell.

Now go on to Damascus.
A man will meet you there.
Saul's eyes were blind and crusty;
People led him everywhere.

A man named Ananias
trusted God enough to go
to place his hands on Saul and say,
“The Lord's love you will show.”

Saul witnessed to many people.
His name was changed to Paul.
He preached and taught and witnessed
that Jesus was Lord of all.

Are We Awake?

This Week's Readings at Mass

- Wisdom 6:12-16 - Wisdom for those who seek
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - Resurrection of the dead
- Matthew 25:1-13 - Parable of the ten virgins

The wedding customs of Jesus' time may be unfamiliar to us, but the point of the parable today isn't the details about how wedding ceremonies worked. The parable focuses on Jesus' teaching to remain alert and vigilant as we await the full coming of the Kingdom of Heaven.

There is debate about whether this parable points to our need to be watchful for Jesus' second coming at the end of time or is making another point. We know from other New Testament writings that St. Paul, Jesus' other apostles, and the whole early Christian community expected Jesus to return in their lifetime.

The second reading today gives us Paul's version of how he imagined this happening. "The Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven..." (Thess.

4:16). The early Christians understood this parable as the need for vigilance for the end of the world,

Perhaps that isn't the meaning of it for us today, however. Assuming Jesus doesn't return in our lifetimes, what might he be urging us to prepare for? What are we called to stay awake to? Many of Jesus' teachings focused on the Kingdom of God, which he repeatedly said "is at hand." Perhaps that is the invitation to us—to be alert to how the Kingdom of God is breaking into our world today, right where we find ourselves. As we near the end of a



tumultuous 2020, we may be challenged to see how God is active in the world right now. Yet Jesus, too, lived in a world racked by racial and economic injustice, military domination, and sickness and suffering, yet he still saw ways God was active and working. Can we?

Questions of the Week

- 1 Do you ever find yourself wondering about how and when the world will end? If so, does thinking about it change the way you live?
- 2 Despite all the bad news in our world this year, how do you see the Kingdom of God breaking in

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