

# FAITH



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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

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## Sunday Mass Readings

**First Reading:**

Isaiah 53:10-11

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 32(33): 4-5, 18-20, 22

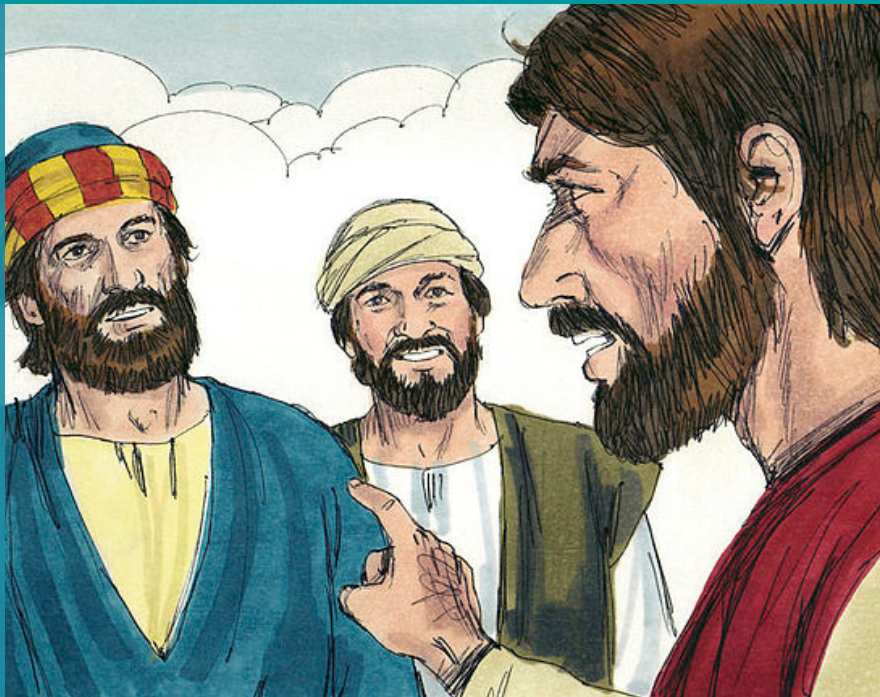
**Second Reading:**

Hebrews 4:14-16

**Gospel:**

Mark 10:35-45

*"For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many"*



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## Hear

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries, you can find this week's readings online [here](#).

Check out [this video](#) of the Gospel for children.

## Pray

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus teach the apostles the true meaning of leadership and service. His message is challenging, but a very important one at the same time.

Take some time this week to reflect on the key message of this week's Gospel. Think about the following:

- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this piece of Scripture? How do Jesus' words resonate with you personally?
- Where can you put Jesus' call to service into practice in your family? Take some time to talk honestly with Jesus and invite Him into your family life.
- Are there areas of serving within the family that you struggle with? Invite Jesus into these areas and ask for His particular graces this week.

## Talk

Jesus reminds us in this week's Gospel that following Him does not mean looking for a life of ease, of glory, of honour, but rather sacrificing ourselves for others: serving rather than being served.

Discuss the following as a family:

- Have you ever won a medal or trophy for an achievement? What did that feel like?
- Can you think of any project you were responsible for? How did you get others involved?
- What is a good leader like? How do good leaders help others to grow?
- How can we learn to be good leaders in our family? What areas or chores can we each take responsibility for in our home this week?
- Is there something could we do as a family this week as an act of love and service for others?

## Family Challenge!

Make a commitment to performing one random act of kindness each day for someone in your family. Try not to let them know it was you!

**Mission:** One of the reasons Jesus was born as a little baby and lived for 33 years on this earth was to show us how to be holy, how to live and how to serve others. Make a special effort this week to do what Jesus would do, and to look for ways to serve others at home and at school!

**Song of the Week!**  
**SHINE AND SERVE**

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## COUNTER-CULTURAL LEADERSHIP

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honour when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honor they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

*adapted from Loyola Press*

## EVENTS

**Lectio Divina:** the praying with the Scriptures, led by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, beginning Thurs, September 30th. 2 options: Thurs @ 2pm in St. John's Pastoral Centre / Thurs @ 7:30pm at Sacred Heart Parish Centre. Please register at [waterford@ascjusus.org](mailto:waterford@ascjusus.org) or call 087-4042745

### Pilgrimage through Revelation

Wednesdays 7.30 - 9pm:

Oct 20 | Nov 3, 10, 17 | Dec 1, 8, 15

Prayer, Teaching/Study, Tea/Coffee

Venue: Foyer of Charity, Dunmore East, Co.

Waterford, X91 FC65 [www.foyerofcharity.ie](http://www.foyerofcharity.ie)

Please book as limited places

Helen : 086 167802 [hellywilliams@gmail.com](mailto:hellywilliams@gmail.com)

## Family Prayer

*Lord Jesus, You taught us what it means to serve others. Help us to follow Your example in our own lives, and to look for opportunities to put others before ourselves.*

*Amen*



*"Now I know, that only love can truly save the world. So I stay, I fight, and I give, for the world I know can be."*  
Wonder Woman

### NOT ALL SUPERHEROES WEAR CAPES

"With great power comes great responsibility.", "Avengers, assemble!", "I love you 3000", "All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." "Hulk, SMASH..."

Who doesn't love a good hero story?

What does it take to be a real hero, though?

Throughout the pandemic we've heard hundreds of stories of people risking their lives, sacrificing their comforts and even safety to serve others. "Not all heroes wear capes", and it's absolutely true.

There's something so inspiring about the lives of those who go the extra mile, who give their last ounce of energy and commitment to the greater good, who serve without looking for reward... we're drawn to those people and they raise us up and make us want to be better people.

James and John get a little confused in today's gospel about what being a follower of Jesus really means and He teaches all the apostles about the importance of serving others rather than looking for prestige and glory. Jesus constantly challenges our ideas of honour and leadership.

This week, look for opportunities to be a hero, even if it's in small and hidden ways: the simplest way to do this is to just do what you can: see a need, fill a need. It's small acts like that that change the world, stepping up rather than stepping away, acting out of love rather than giving in to apathy.

[Wonder Woman Fr Mike Do Something \(Matthew West\)](#)

Resource: [Do you have what it takes to be a superhero?](#)

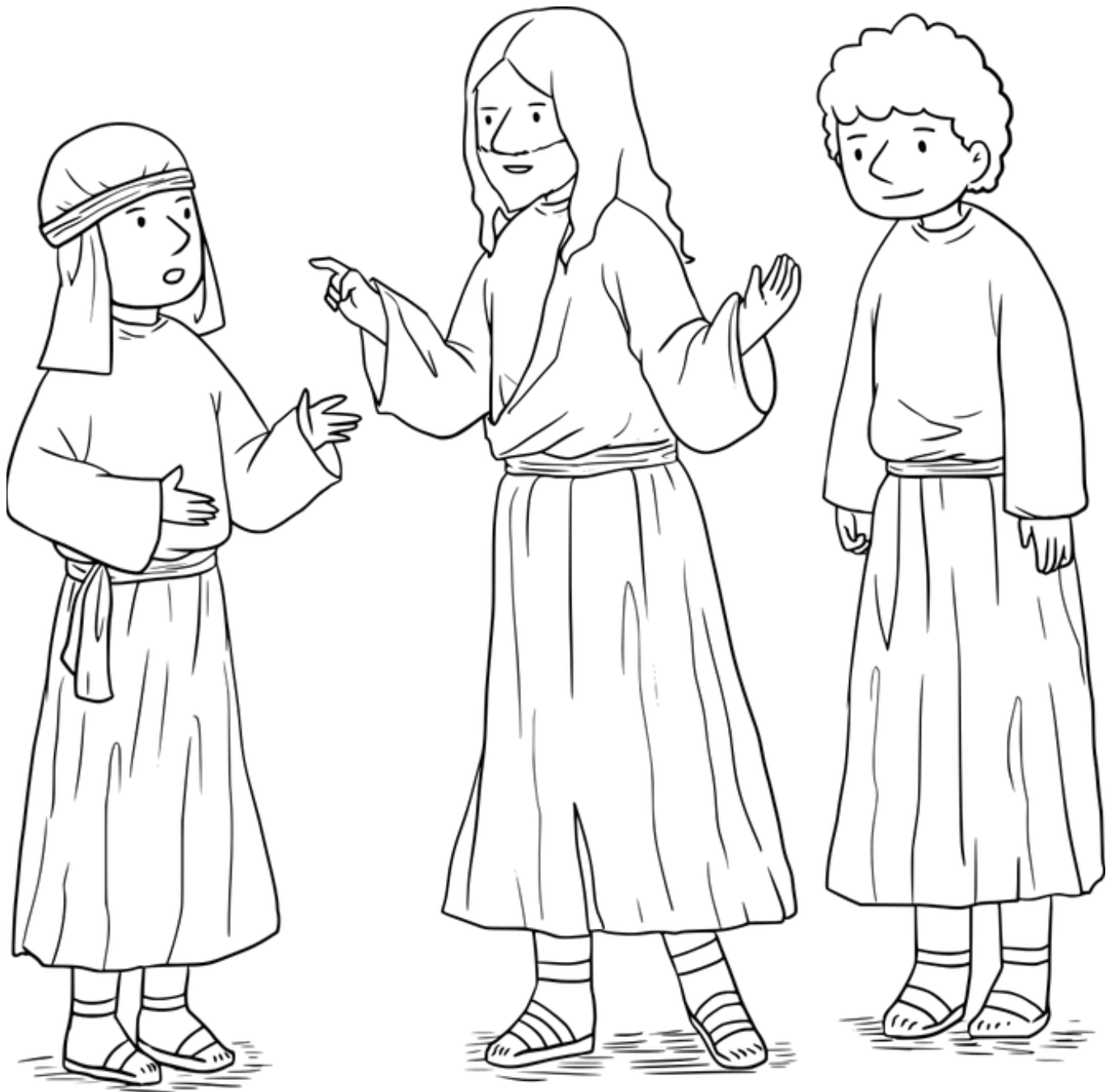


## CHECK IT OUT: BIBLE APPS

Check out the following Catholic Bible Apps available for download!

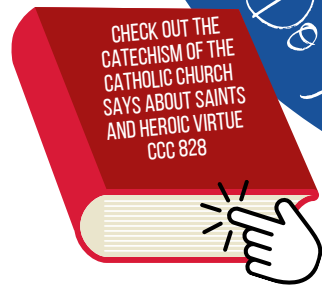


"Anyone who wants to be great among you  
must be your servant..."



Mark 10:35-45





Do you have what it takes to be a Superhero?

SENIOR RE NON-EXAM: A1 / A2 / A3 / D1 / E1 / G2 / G3 / H1 / H3

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME  
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

JORE: LD 1.5 / 1.8 / 2.2 / 2.3 / 2.8 / 3.1

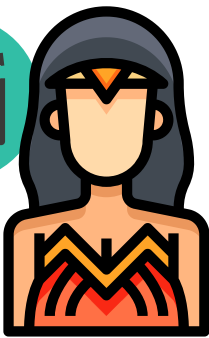
IF YOU COULD BE ANY SUPERHERO, WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE AND WHY?



WHAT DO YOU THINK THE DEFINITION OF A SUPERHERO WOULD BE? HOW SHOULD THEY ACT? WHAT SHOULD THEY BE WILLING TO DO? CAN YOU GIVE ANY EXAMPLES OF SACRIFICES SUPERHEROES HAVE TO MAKE?



Watch the trailer here if you have not seen the movie!



### FOCUS: DC COMICS HERO, WONDER WOMAN

"Diana, princess of the Amazons, trained to be an unconquerable warrior. Raised on a sheltered island paradise, when a pilot crashes on their shores and tells of a massive conflict raging in the outside world, Diana leaves her home, convinced she can stop the threat. Fighting alongside man in a war to end all wars, Diana will discover her full powers and her true destiny." (Taken from IMDB.com)

Disclaimer: Not every scene in this movie reflects authentic Christian values. However, the messages of leadership, love, heroic virtue, service and sacrifice are worth reflecting on.

WATCH FR MIKE SCHMITZ' VIDEO: "WONDER WOMAN" AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW:



DC ensured Wonder Woman's character "lived up to the hero archetype without falling into the heroine stereotype". What does Fr Mike mean by this? What is the difference?

Give one example of how Diana's actions (Wonder Woman) fits the archetype and not the stereotype?

Fr Mike talks about "angry Christians with a chip on their shoulder" whose reactive behaviour can negatively affect others? In what way can they do this?

What does Fr Mike encourage us to ask ourselves when we see a problem?

"NOW I KNOW, THAT ONLY LOVE CAN TRULY SAVE THE WORLD. SO I STAY, I FIGHT, AND I GIVE, FOR THE WORLD I KNOW CAN BE."  
DIANA, WONDER WOMAN

Even if we cannot fix situations for people, what question should we still ask ourselves?

If we choose to always do what we CAN do, what effect can that have on others?



# DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A SUPERHERO?

MARK 10:35-45



## Now Read Mark 10:35-45



In this Gospel Passage, the apostles James and John seem to have very selective hearing when it comes to Jesus' teaching! He has spoken to them about the need for the Son of Man to suffer and die before entering into glory. James and John, the Sons of Thunder, ask for two seats at his right and left hand when He comes into His glory; they want the seeming glory, the honour and the power, but don't understand what sacrifice will be involved in that. Jesus uses the occasion to teach all his apostles about true leadership and authority. He, as God, did not come to be served, but to serve others, and He is our Model for Holiness too. We are called to serve as Jesus served, to be willing to sacrifice ourselves, our comforts, our ambitions for power, to serve others. They say that the word JOY represents the right order in our lives (Jesus, Others, You). We don't have to go to great lengths to find ways to serve others. We are presented with countless situations everyday where we just have to ask ourselves: what can I do here? Do I have it in me to do something about this problem? I may not be able to do everything, but I can always do something.



**MISSION!**

GET A POST IT NOTE AND WRITE THIS PHRASE ON IT: "SEE A NEED, FILL A NEED!" NOW STICK IT SOMEWHERE YOU WILL SEE IT AND LET IT BECOME A MOTTO FOR THIS WEEK (AND FOR LIFE!) LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE, OFTEN IN SMALL AND HIDDEN WAYS. SEE A SPILL ON A COUNTER TOP? WIPE IT UP. EMPTY TOILET ROLL? RESTOCK! SOMEONE LOOKS LIKE THEY NEED A FRIEND? BE THAT FRIEND! TRY NOT TO MISS ANY OPPORTUNITIES, BIG OR SMALL, TO SERVE OTHERS THIS WEEK, AND FIND WHAT YOU CAN DO IN EACH SITUATION!



**CHECK IT OUT**

*We're all called to greatness. There are so many amazing examples of saints and Catholic heroes. Choose one of the following people to research, and think about how you would present their life as a movie. What key moments would you include in a story board of their life and why?*



Click here for even more incredible heroic saints!

- Bl Carlo Acutis
- St Clare of Assisi
- St Joan of Arc
- St Maria Goretti
- St Maximilian Kolbe
- Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty
- St John Paul II
- St Josephine Bakhita
- Bl Chiara Luce Badano
- St Damien of Molokai
- St Teresa of Calcutta
- St José Luis Sánchez del Río
- Irena Sendler
- Blessed Miguel Pro
- Bl Pier Giorgio Frassati

**PRAYER TIME!**

Lord, give me the strength and vision to see what it is I can do each day to serve you and others. Let me never miss an opportunity, however small, to make someone's life better and brighter. "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do." (Everett Hale)



## CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON THE MEANING OF SERVICE AND SACRIFICE



- [Do Something](#) (Matthew West)
- [Give me your eyes](#) (Brandon Heath)
- [Go Light Your World](#) (Kathy Troccoli)
- [Break our hearts](#) (Vicki Beeching)
- [The Motions](#) (Matthew West)
- [I Will Be](#) (Natalie Grant)
- [Beautiful Stranger](#) (Rebecca St James)
- [Set the World on Fire](#) (Britt Nicole)

Click the links for the YouTube videos to listen to some suggestions!



**Fr Mike: Captain America**  
([Superheroes analysed](#))



Check out this inspiring story of athlete Ivan Fernandez Anaya who chose to put his fellow athlete first and sacrifice his own shot at glory.