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Year B 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - MONTH OF THE HOLY 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"

servant

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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](#).

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.

- 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 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

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!

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.

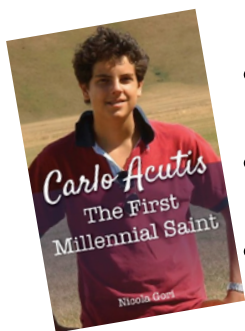
Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

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BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS: BOOK RESOURCES

- **Highway to Heaven: A Spiritual Journey through the Life of Blessed Carlo Acutis**
- **Blessed Carlo Acutis: Child of the Eucharist** by Gemma Grant
- **My Son Carlo: Carlo Acutis Through the Eyes of His Mother** by Antonia Salzano Acutis
- **Blessed Carlo Acutis: A Saint in Sneakers** by Courtney Mares
- **Blessed Carlo Acutis: 5 Steps to Being a Saint** by Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo



CARLO'S CORNER

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? Are there famous people we know in our lives who show exemplary goodness or care for others? Are there people in our own lives who we know always put the needs of others before their own, people who stand out as being different, doing ordinary things in extraordinary ways? They might even be in your own family!

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 SCHMITZ)
-  [DO SOMETHING](#) (MATTHEW WEST)

To the Heights Youth Resource also available

Events

A New Saint for Ireland? The heroic life of the Servant of God Fr Willie Doyle SJ. Tuesday 29th October, St John's Church, Parnell Street, Waterford. 6.30pm Mass / 7.15pm Talk by Patrick Kenny, Fr Willie Doyle Association. Hosted by the Legion of Mary.

"Lismore Conversations that Matter": "On the Human Person"

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