

To the Heights

Year B 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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RENEWAL CONFERENCE 2024

Fantastic Diocesan Conference for RE Teachers, Chaplains, and TY Coordinators across the diocese was held at Glencomeragh House on Wed 9th October. Thanks to all who do amazing work supporting RE in our schools!

HEAR: Sunday Gospel

Mark 10:35-45



If you don't have a Bible handy, click the image here to access the Mass readings for this Sunday!

FR MIKE SCHMITZ



WATCH: 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)

PRAY:



TUNE!



Do Something

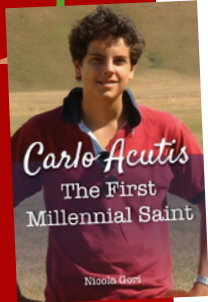
Matthew West



GROW:



Blessed Carlo Acutis



- 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

WEEKLY CHALLENGE!

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.



GAMECHANGERS!

St John Paul II

22nd October

The Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar is crammed full of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them, Game Changers!

Check them out on our web page!



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[Ascend Youth Ministry](https://www.youtube.com/AscendYouthMinistry)



PUZZLE

- authority
- cup
- do not know
- drink
- favour
- glory
- grant
- great men
- indignant
- James
- Jesus
- John
- left
- ransom
- right
- rulers
- servant
- serve
- sit
- Son of Man
- Zebedee

FIND THE WORDS FROM THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL IN THE WORDSEARCH BELOW

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Can you explain how any four of these words relate to the message of the Gospel?

What do you think God could be saying to you in this Gospel? What speaks to your heart? Maybe it raises questions, maybe it's a little uncomfortable, maybe it offers hope... what matters is that we are open to hearing God speak to us individually.



HIS WORD & MY LIFE!

"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.

DOODLE PRAYER

Reflect on the scripture quote and allow thoughts and images that come to you to form part of your doodle prayer: it could be people or situations that need prayer or even areas you might need to change in. Certain words or phrases might stand out for you. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart as you pray and doodle!

"For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve..."



[Click here for some relaxing instrumental music](#)
SPONTANEOUS WORSHIP | TWO HOURS OF WORSHIP PIANO

MARK 10:35-45

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A SUPERHERO?

CHECK OUT THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SAYS ABOUT SAINTS AND HEROIC VIRTUE CCC 828

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

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

JOB: 10.15 / 1.8 / 2.2 / 2.3 / 2.8 / 3.1

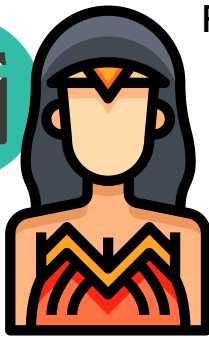
IF YOU COULD BE ANY SUPERHERO, WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE AND WHY?



HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE "SUPERHERO"? HOW SHOULD SUPERHEROES 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?

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?



"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

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A SUPERHERO?



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



Click here for even more incredible heroic saints!

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?

- 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!

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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)



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.