

Meet You at the Altar Mass Journal- Grades 7-9

09/19/2021- Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Student Name: _____

Faith Formation Grade: _____

Small Group Leader's Name: _____

1. What church did you attend Mass?
 - a. St. Anthony
 - b. St. Patrick
 - c. St. Elizabeth Seton
 - d. Other

2. What time did you attend Mass? (Write your response in the space below)

3. Did you attend Mass in person or online?
 - a. In person
 - b. Online

4. Who was the priest that celebrated the Mass that you attended?
 - a. Fr. Steve
 - b. Fr. Peter
 - c. Other

5. In both today's Second Reading and Gospel Reading, we hear about how pride and jealousy go against the will of God. When we think only about ourselves and not on the needs of others, we do not sow peace in our lives and ultimately go against the will of God. Through our Baptism, we are called to be servants, giving of our time and selves to help meet the needs of other people before we meet our own needs and desires. **Is the role of being a servant for others easy or difficult for you to embrace? Why or why not? If it isn't an easy thing to do, what is one thing that you can do this week to take care of another person (either physically, emotionally or spiritually)?**

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6. In today's Gospel, we hear a story about how Jesus' disciples were arguing amongst each other about who the greatest and most important person in their group was and who was going to be the most popular. But Jesus challenged this by saying that we shouldn't compare ourselves to one another. They should be focusing on how they can best serve others. Jesus tells us that God does not care how well liked we are or who has done the most things, but rather how we serve and take care of others is the most important thing. **What makes a person popular? Why do you think people want to become popular? Do you think people serve others as much as they could?**

7. Our faith is a faith that is based on service. Through our reception of the Sacraments, we are called by God and strengthened by his grace to cultivate peace in the world through our work of serving and meeting the needs of others. In the sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders (which are called the sacraments of service), we receive a special grace from God to serve the Church and the community in special ways. In the sacrament of marriage, the love that a couple has for one another helps them to be signs of Christ's love in the world, sharing that love to others wherever they may go. Those who receive the sacrament of Holy Orders, serve the Church in a very special way, giving their entire selves in serving the needs of its people. As Christ gave of himself to meet the needs of others, so too do those who receive this sacrament. **Think about people you know that have received either the sacrament of Marriage or the sacrament of Holy Orders? Who are they? How do they live out their sacramental call towards serving others?**

Parent Question

1. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us to put the needs of others before our own. What is an activity that you can do with your child to help meet the needs of those who need help the most?