

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

09/26/2021- Twenty-Sixth 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 today's first reading, we hear a story about Moses and a group of elders meeting God. In the story, the spirit of the Lord comes down upon this group of people, giving them the gift of prophesy, that is, the gift to preach to others about God. Something similar happens to us in the sacrament of Confirmation. Through the laying on of hands and the anointing with oil, we are confirmed with the gift of the Holy Spirit (that same spirit of the Lord that was given onto Moses and company). Through this sacrament, we are given the strength to proclaim our faith in Christ boldly, being witnesses for Him in our lives. **As you prepare for Confirmation in the next few years (or even this year), how would you want the Holy Spirit to strengthen you in your life of faith? Are there areas of our faith that you would want to learn more about so that you could better proclaim that truth to others?**

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6. In today's second reading, we hear about those who misuse money, those who use their wealth to take advantage of others. St. James warns us that those who have wealth such as this will not be rewarded. Their greed has turned them away from the will of God. They only focus on themselves and not on those who are most in need of the world. When we take care of the needs of the poor, we are following what God asks us to do (to love one another). **Think about those who have the most wealth in the world today? Who are they? Do they do anything with their wealth to help those who are most in need? If you had that type of money what is one thing that you would do to meet the needs of the poor?**

7. In today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are upset because they came across a man who was healing other people just like they were doing. The person to them was an outsider, someone who was not part of their group. They were self-centered in a lot of ways because they believed they were the only ones who were able to do that sort of thing, thinking that they belong to an exclusive group. But Jesus challenges their way of thinking. He taught them that just because this particular person didn't follow them directly, he was still doing good things and living lovingly. Just because he was not a follower of Jesus, didn't mean he was doing the wrong thing or was a bad person. The actions that this man was doing were the beginnings of a life of faith. **Who are some good people you might know that might not go to our church but are still living as Jesus taught us? How are they living up to the Gospel message?**

Parent Question

1. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we should uplift and encourage others who proclaim our faith, even if they might not get everything right all the time. **As a family, think about some ways that you can help nurture our faith (i.e. healthy relationships, healthy friendships, good literature, etc.). Additionally, think about some of the things that might become an obstacle to faith (i.e. unhealthy relationships, scandals, etc.)**