

CCE meets today (11/10), Tuesday, and Wednesday.



We continue **Big Idea Two: How do we get to know and love Jesus Christ?**

Topics covered in this Big Idea will be Sacraments, Prayers, and the Mass.

The Essential Question for some will be: How does the Mass help me

to know and love Jesus Christ? The Essential Question for other classes will be: How does prayer help me to know and love Jesus Christ? Each topic under each Big Idea ties back to our Lord and Savior. To see what we're teaching, visit <https://www.st-mm.com/elementary> or read the Remind texts I send out each Saturday.

Breaking Open the Word for Families for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time By Ginger Herrington

Reading 1: *The King of the world will raise us up to live forever with Him.* The seven brothers and their mother in this reading from the Book of Maccabees suffered martyrdom. Each one watched as their sibling died before their eyes, all professing faith in and fidelity to God and their firm belief in the resurrection at the end of time. When our bodies die, our souls live on. We are still part of the Church. Here on Earth, we are part of the Church **Militant** – we are fighting to keep the faith and to conform ourselves to Christ. In Heaven, the Communion of Saints comprise the Church **Triumphant**. In Purgatory, souls being purged of their attachments form the Church **Suffering**. At the end of time, when Jesus comes again in glory, our souls will be reunited with our glorified bodies. This life in these bodies is wonderful; God made it so. At Jesus' Second Coming, that life and those bodies will be even more wonderful. Give thanks to our gracious God who is so good!

Reading 2: *The Lord is faithful; He will guard you from the evil one.* Paul prays for the people of Thessalonica, that the love and grace of God will encourage them to live their faith in word and deed. Let's continue to grow in virtue, cooperating with the graces bestowed upon us through the sacraments and in the Mass. We share the love of Jesus with one another through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. CCE students have received a Discipleship Project which prompts them to do these Works of Mercy. Please help them to be good disciples of Jesus. You can access the Discipleship Project on the parish website www.st-mm.com/for-catechists-only and click on the links for the Discipleship Project.

Gospel: *He is God of the living, for to Him, all are alive.* Jesus was not tricked by the riddle posed by the Sadducees, who deny the general resurrection at the end of time. They failed to realize that Jesus, as the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, knows everything. Jesus enlightened them: when we die in a state of grace, our souls find all joy and fulfillment in God. Those of us who give our hearts to someone or something other than God, but who love Jesus, are mercifully sent to Purgatory, where we can be freed of those attachments before we come to live forever with God. At the end of time, our souls are reunited with our glorified bodies, but we will no longer relate to each other in those bodies as we do with these bodies we have now. We will still recognize those we love, of course, but in our love for one another, we will turn together to the greatest love of all: God. Like the angels, our hearts will be filled with love for God as we fall to our knees in adoration.

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