

**CCE meets today (11/17), Tuesday, and Wednesday.**

**NO CCE next week (November 24 – 30) for the Thanksgiving break.**



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 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** By Ginger Herrington

**Reading 1: *The day will come blazing like an oven for the wicked, but filled with the healing rays of the sun for the righteous.*** The same boiling water which softens noodles hardens an egg; just so, on the Last Day, the same sun will burn those who have chosen evil deeds or heal those who love the Lord. On Judgment Day, those who are still living will be judged, as will those who have already died. The dead will rise to everlasting happiness with God, or to everlasting torment if they have rejected God. It's our choice – so choose wisely while you are still part of the Church **Militant** – fighting to keep the faith and to conform ourselves to Christ. Our goal is to join the Communion of Saints in Heaven, the Church **Triumphant**. If Judgement Day comes before we die, we'll have no opportunity to join the Church **Suffering** in Purgatory, to be purged of our attachments. Live every day as if it could be our last. The Last Day will come like a thief, when we are not expecting it. Let's be ready to join the Church Triumphant in Heaven!

**Reading 2: *Perform the Works of Mercy to eat the Bread of Life.*** Paul reminds the people of Thessalonica that one who does not work should not eat. This applies to the spiritual life as well. If we neglect the Works of Mercy, how can we expect to eat the Bread of Life? 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](http://www.st-mm.com/for-catechists-only) and click on the links for the Discipleship Project.

**Gospel: *Jesus teaches of martyrdom: persevere in spreading the Gospel and rely upon the Holy Spirit when giving witness.*** Jesus foretells of hardships for those who pick up their cross to follow Him; after all, no man is greater than the Master. Jesus was betrayed, abandoned, imprisoned, tortured, and put to death. Those of us who follow Him must be prepared for the same treatment. We may not receive that treatment, but we must be prepared for it. Any cross we carry for love of Jesus will be rewarded many times over during our lifetime and beyond. Love the Lord and embrace your cross!



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