

CCE meets today (11/3), 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 do the Sacraments 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 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time By Ginger Herrington

Reading 1: *The universe, so vast to us, is as small as one grain to the Lord, yet He loves everything He has made and preserves us with His Spirit.* The Book of Wisdom reflects on the greatness of the Lord, on His love and mercy. We are exhorted to be mindful of our sins and to repent of them. God's Word rebukes us to conversion, to abandon our sinful ways and to turn back to the Lord who always forgives us. Please come to the beautiful sacrament of Confession where Jesus waits to forgive you. Remember His words to the woman caught in adultery: "Your sins are forgiven; now go and sin no more."

Reading 2: *Paul advises the people of Thessalonica to keep the faith and to wait patiently for the Lord.* No one knows when the Second Coming of Jesus will be. Jesus Himself said that no one knows the day or the hour but the Father. While we wait for that day, we must 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: *Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see Jesus!* Jesus called Zacchaeus to come down out of the tree, and then invited Himself over to Zacchaeus' house for dinner. Zacchaeus was so happy to have Jesus in his home. Every time we receive the Eucharist, Jesus looks for a home in our hearts. Remember that He gives Himself to us Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Speak with Him, for the moments you have with Him physically present in the house of your body melt away quickly. Tell Him how much you love Him. Thank Him for coming to your house – "under your roof" as we profess in the preparatory prayer before Communion: "Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed." We don't have to climb a tree to receive Jesus; we fall to our knees in adoration.



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