

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

GRANDPARENTS' DAY



First Prediction of the Passion

MARK 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets."

And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ."

Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days.

He spoke this openly.

Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan.

You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."



TIPS FOR EXPLORING THE GOSPEL

- Read the upcoming Sunday Gospel a few days before the weekend. Listen to what God is saying to you personally.
- Select part of the Gospel ahead of time and share it with your children. Have them listen for this part during Mass.
- Don't be afraid to let kids ask honest questions. Be honest if you don't know something. Tell your child you will look into it and get back to them.

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL



Either before or after a Sunday meal together, designate one person to read the Gospel. Other family members should listen attentively. Then have each family member share an insight about the Gospel.

Discuss the following questions as a family:

- What was the reaction of the disciples when Jesus told him about his passion, death and resurrection? Do you think they were confused?
- What heavy crosses are you bearing? Share these crosses with your family members and discuss how Jesus helps you carry these crosses.



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FAMILY PRAYER

Prayer for Grandparents

The first Sunday after Labor Day has been designated as Grandparents' Day. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote this prayer in 2008. Spend a few minutes thanking God for the gift of grandparents and asking Him to protect and support them.

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end.

Amen!

FAMILY FUN

20 Questions Game



In today's Gospel, Jesus asked questions of his disciples. Playing this simple game helps remind us of the Gospel.

Have one person think of an object. Other players get to ask up to 20 questions that can be answered with "yes" or "no" to figure out what the object is.

The winner is determined by whether the person who thought of an object is able to successfully answer each of the 20 questions without giving away the object OR whether the person who is asking the questions is able to correctly guess the object in 20 or less questions.



RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Baked Ziti

Since it is Grandparents' Day, try making one of your grandparents' favorite recipes.

If you don't have a favorite, try this easy pasta dish and invite them over for dinner!

INGREDIENTS:

- 16 oz. box of ziti noodles
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 15 oz. ricotta cheese
- 1/2 c. grated parmesan cheese
- 1/2 t. Italian seasoning
- Salt and pepper
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 jars (10 oz. each) of tomato sauce
- 8 oz. shredded mozzarella cheese

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cook the noodles as directed on the box.
2. Brown the ground beef in a large pan with the Italian seasoning.
3. Add the ricotta, parmesan, salt, pepper and egg to the pan and mix well.
4. Mix in one jar of tomato sauce and the cooked noodles.
5. Pour the mixture into a 9x13 inch glass baking dish.
6. Spread the second jar of tomato sauce over the noodle mixture and sprinkle with the mozzarella cheese.
7. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes.

Submit your own favorite snack, dessert, or dinner recipe online at www.stmarysbismarck.org/reclaiming-sundays

Families are encouraged to share what they are doing to celebrate each Sunday by using the hashtag [#ReclaimingSundays](https://twitter.com/ReclaimingSundays) on social media!