

JULY 2, 2023



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SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CONDITIONS OF DISCIPLESHIP

"And whoever does not take up his cross  
and follow after me is not worthy of me."

Matthew 10:38

## PARISH SCHEDULE & DIRECTORY

### RECTORY OFFICE

**Monday—Friday 10:00 am—2:00 pm**

**ADDRESS:** 1 Pineswamp Road  
Ipswich, MA 01938

**TELEPHONE:** 978-356-3944

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### New Collaborative Schedule Begins this weekend- July 1, 2023

**Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Our Lady)**

**Sunday 7:30 a.m. *No Music* (St. Paul)  
9:30 a.m. (St. Paul)**

**11:15 a.m. (Our Lady)**

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday and Tuesday  
9:00 a.m. (Our Lady)**

**Thursday and Friday  
9:00 a.m. (St. Paul, 50 Union St. Hamilton)**

***No Daily Mass on Wednesday or Saturday***

### SACRAMENTS

#### RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS 3:00—3:45 PM or by appointment.

#### BAPTISM

If you are planning a baptism in the future, please call the rectory to make arrangements.

#### MARRIAGE

If you are an engaged couple, please call Fr. Brogan *directly at least 6 months* prior to the intended date.

#### RCIA & FAITH FORMATION

Questions regarding current, upcoming programs and/or sacramental programs available at our parish, please contact rectory.

### STAY UP TO DATE THROUGH EMAIL

**When important information is sent to registered parishioners, it is conveyed through email. Please let us know when your email has changed. Thank you.**

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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James McCarthy, President | 978-992-6151

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

James Foley | 978-360-2799

***For more information, contact the parish office.***

***Consider sharing your gifts and talents.***

### NEW TO OUR PARISH?

If you are new to Our Lady of Hope, please introduce yourself to Fr. Brogan following Mass. To formally register with our parish, contact the rectory office or go online to register through the website.



**Let the Priest know if you would like to use a hearing assist box before Mass. If you have any questions, please call the rectory at 978-356-3944.**

**Thank You**

## MASS INTENTIONS

NEW COLLABORATIVE WEEKEND SCHEDULE**Saturday, July 1**

4:00 pm Vigil—Edward Mackey &  
Stephanie M. Rose (Our Lady)

**Sunday, July 2**

7:30am—Weekend Mass (**St. Paul**) *NO MUSIC*  
9:30am—Weekend Mass (**St. Paul**)  
11:15am—Weekend Mass (**Our Lady**)

**Monday, July 3**

9:00 am—Weekday Mass (Our Lady)

**Tuesday, July 4**

9:00 am—Weekday Mass (Our Lady)

**Wednesday, July 5**

**No Daily Mass**

**Thursday, July 6**

9:00 a.m.—Weekday Mass (**St. Paul**)

**Friday, July 7**

9:00 a.m.—Weekday Mass (**St. Paul**)

**Saturday, July 8**

4:00 pm Vigil—Weekend Mass (Our Lady)

**Sunday, July 9**

7:30am—Weekend Mass (**St. Paul**) *NO MUSIC*  
9:30am—Weekend Mass (**St. Paul**)  
11:15am—Baldi, DeMartino & Ripley Families  
(**Our Lady**)

**Remember God's will in yours...**

When you leave a bequest to the Church in your will or estate plan, you express your commitment to the future of your parish. You also return some of the blessings God gave to your life and leave an eternal message of what is important to you. Please consider including Our Lady of Hope Parish and St. Paul Parish when preparing your will.

For more information contact Fr. Brogan or call the rectory office or email.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**We Ask Parishioners To Pray...**

- † For all those who are sick, especially Cathryn Lally, Denise Polli, Gerrie O'Brien, Melissa Faino Palelli, Mikey Grover, Kyrsten Weber, Arline Thornell, Irene Stackpole, Connie Donovan, Connie, Christine & John Vallis, Maria Masse, Ed Manning, Patricia Foley, J. P. Quinn and all those infected with the Covid-19 virus.
- † For the all those graduating from High School and College and those who will be on summer break.
- † For those who work on front line with Covid-19 virus
- † For those who work and live in war-torn countries, especially in the Ukraine
- † For John Stackpole and all the deceased member of our parish
- † For the safety and good health of all missionaries
- † For all who serve our country in the Armed Forces
- † For peace in our world, especially Ukraine.
- † For the unborn children
- † For all those affected by natural disasters

**PLEASE NOTE:**

*In order to keep our prayer list current, names will remain on the list for four weeks. Please resubmit by contacting the rectory office. Names should be submitted by the individual or immediate family member.*

**DONATION FOR JUNE 25, 2023**

**OFFERTORY: \$3,784.45**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GENEROUSLY SUPPORT OUR PARISH.**

**ONLINE GIVING**

We offer this convenience to our parishioners and visitors. Online giving is an easy and secure way to make contributions to support our parish. You may contribute using direct withdrawals (ACH) or credit cards. Visa, MasterCard and American Express are all accepted.

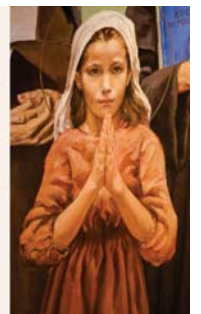
To contribute using online giving, simply visit our website: [ipswichcatholics.org](http://ipswichcatholics.org) and follow the instructions. For assistance, call the rectory.

**Saint Maria Goretti**

1890 - 1902  
FEAST DAY — JULY 6

On 6 July 1902, Maria Goretti died in the hospital at Nettuno, brutally stabbed the day before in the village of Le Ferriere, in the Pontine Marshes. Her spiritual life, the strength of her faith, her ability to forgive her murderer have placed her among the best-loved saints of the 20th century. St Maria Goretti was a girl whom God's Spirit endowed with the courage to stay faithful to her Christian vocation even to the point of making the supreme sacrifice of her life. Her tender age, her lack of education and the poverty of the environment in which she lived did not prevent grace from working its miracles in her. Indeed, it was precisely in these conditions that God's special love for the lowly appeared. We are reminded of the words with which Jesus blesses the heavenly Father for revealing himself to children and the simple, rather than to the wise and learned of the world.

— Saint Pope John Paul II, on the centenary of the death of St. Maria Goretti.





# A Note from the Pastor

I do not want to change it...

The above words are exactly what I said to Bishop Hennessey regarding the Mass Schedule upon learning that I would become one pastor for two parishes who were previously blessed with one pastor each.

It is one thing for a new pastor to change the paint on some of the walls in the rectory, it is an entirely different scenario for a new pastor to be called upon to immediately change the Sunday Mass Schedule.

Although I do not want to do it, I must as I explained in my previous notes regarding the Daily Mass Schedule changes.

Changing Mass times affects everyone, and I am keenly aware of this reality.

I am very grateful to all those who offered their comments and suggestions. Absolutely every variable was taken into consideration from parking to religious education to reinstating and developing opportunities to socialize after Masses to the ability for me to celebrate all of the Masses and attend to every other pastoral responsibility and the list goes on.

As we all know, the Mass is the source and summit of our lives as Catholics. We have no more important privilege and duty than the celebration of Mass as Christ commanded us to do "in remembrance of me."

Please God may our new schedule for Mass allow us to faithfully carry out our duties to the one who has given us everything and more, Jesus Christ, our love, our hope, our joy, and our peace in the face of every hideous thing that comes our way. He has loved us first and we faithfully love him, serve him, and follow him without end.

Please find below our new collaborative Sunday Mass Schedule.

## Saturday

4:00 pm: Our Lady of Hope, Ipswich

## Sunday

7:30 am: (*No Music*) St. Paul, Hamilton

9:30 am: St. Paul, Hamilton

11:15 am: Our Lady of Hope, Ipswich

Thank you all for your kindness and understanding as we consolidate, build, and grow our future together.



## WEEKEND DONATIONS/COLLECTIONS

As we move forward with our collaborative, and our new schedule of 4 weekend Masses between Our Lady of Hope and St. Paul; you may decide to attend Mass at either Church. We understand you will have questions about how Offertory donations will be handled. If you make an offering in the collection basket at Mass with Parish (specific) contribution envelopes or put your donation in an envelope writing both Parish name and your name on the front, your donation will be transferred to that Church. Cash donations outside of an envelope will remain in the parish where you made your donation. If you have any questions, call the rectory office.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Below you will find a list of Parish Council members' email addresses.**

**As the Collaboration date with St. Paul's Parish nears, we want to make ourselves available. We are still learning ourselves, but feel free to speak with us after Mass or email us if you have any questions. We are here for all of you to help in any way we can.**

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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Our Lady of Hope Parish Saint Vincent de Paul chapter continues to serve those in need in our community. Your generous contributions to the poor boxes at the exits of our church allow us to provide financial and spiritual assistance to our sisters and brothers in need. We also greatly benefit from the invaluable participation of parishioners active in this ministry. During the past month, we have continued to assist seniors struggling financially due to ill health, those experiencing short-term job loss, or other temporary setbacks. We see Christ in the face of those in need and respond to that need as Vincentians and parish members.



Vincentians are called to holiness by striving to conform to Jesus, doing God's will, and devoting themselves to serving God's suffering and poor. Please consider joining us in our work and mission. We meet once a month in the parish hall, the first Monday evening of each month, where we pray and review the past month's efforts. Two Vincentians volunteer to be "on-call" each month. One can put as much or little into their participation as their schedules permit. Let these words from the Letter of St. James possibly stir you to participate in our Vincentian mission: "Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

Contact us for more information about becoming a member or if you know anyone who may benefit from our assistance, 978-992-6151

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

All volunteers who minister in the Archdiocese must attend the Protecting God's Children and complete the Code of Conduct form. In addition, every year all current volunteers and new volunteers must complete a CORI Form; which we will begin for the 2023-24 Year in July. Those who need to follow this requirement are anyone who helps in building our church in any way. This includes list of volunteer includes: staff, teachers, assistants to religious education, lectors, eucharistic ministers, ushers, Finance and Pastoral Council members, etc.

Please consider sharing your gifts and talents in our new collaborative at Our Lady of Hope and St. Paul's by attending this training to be ready to serve.

**UPCOMING TRAINING:**  
**Saturday, July 15, 2023**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH**  
**CHURCH HALL**

**Please sign up by logging onto:**

Go to <https://www.virtusonline.org/>

- ● Click on "First-Time Registrant"
- ● Click on "Begin the registration Process"
- ● From the pull-down menu, choose "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)," ONLY
- ● When asked, "Have you previously registered with VIRTUS Online?" click "NO"
- ● Create a username and password when asked to do so and click "Continue"
- ● Fill in all the required fields for contact information on the next screen and click continue
- ● From the pull-down menu for "Location," choose "Our Lady of Hope Ipswich " or wherever else they are coming from
- ● When the roles appear, choose a primary role and an additional role
- ● Add a Title (what you do for parish/school) in the box at bottom and click "Continue"
- ● On the next page, you may choose YES or NO depending on whether you want to associate your name with an additional school or parish
- ● Answer the four Yes/No questions on the next page and click "Continue"
- ● When asked "Have you already attended a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Session?" answer NO.
- On the next page, choose "6/15/2023 9:00 am – (Our Lady of Hope-Ipswich) – Protecting God's Children for Adults"

Confirm and you are done!

In addition to this training, you will also see other "Live" sessions being offered in person throughout the diocese, so if you prefer; you can attend in person at others listed too.

If you register for a training, please let us know once completed and forward a copy of your completion certificate to the rectory office.

Thank you



**WELCOME**

**Ema Doyle Soloski**  
**Josephine Wang Soloski**

**who were baptized into the**  
**Family of God.**

## 2023-2024 CORI'S HAS BEGUN.....

We are beginning the CORI process again. For those who have been helping during the pandemic and anyone interested in returning, we will have CORI forms available on the rectory porch and in the sacristy for you to take home and complete. Once complete, we need to verify your ID (driver's license or passport) in person. Not to overload Fr. Brogan at Mass, please stop by rectory office and see Joanne DiNatale to verify ID.

All volunteers, includes anyone who help in service of their time and talent at Our Lady of Hope Parish, are required to complete a CORI form EACH fiscal year. In addition, you must have completed the Protecting God's Children (PGC) Program and Archdiocesan Code of Conduct. If you have not volunteered at Our Lady of Hope this past year, please call the rectory to receive these forms and read the notice below to register for the PGC training this summer. Thank you in advance for your help in this requirement and for all you do in helping us to be a vibrant parish.

## CATHOLIC TV BROADCASTS DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS

Cardinal Seán encourages Catholics to participate in the daily and Sunday Masses broadcast from the CatholicTV chapel, especially those who still cannot attend Mass in person.

Daily Mass airs live at 9:30am and is rebroadcast at 7pm and 11:30pm.

Sunday Masses air throughout the day at 10am, 4pm, 7pm, and 11:30pm.

Viewers can watch these Masses on demand at any time at [www.WatchtheMass.com](http://www.WatchtheMass.com).

For more information about CatholicTV and where you can watch it, **CHANNEL 296 VERIZON AND 268 COMCAST** or visit <http://www.catholicTV.org/>

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

**Congratulations to Anna Maher winner of this year's Ipswich Catholic Women's Club scholarship.**

## VOCATIONS

Interested in learning how you can lend your talents to encouraging those men called to be holy priests? Want to explore vocational discernment, life, and the life of seminarians? Come see the new vocations website at [www.vocationsboston.org](http://www.vocationsboston.org) feel free to contact the Vocation Office by phone at 617-746-5949.



The 2023 Catholic Appeal officially launched here in our parish and across the Archdiocese. Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are asked to partner with one another to support their parish and the many outreach ministries by contributing to the Catholic Appeal. Many of you have received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your early support of the 2023 Appeal. We hope that you will respond to his invitation with a generous gift, knowing that each contribution transforms faith into action. You can make a gift by returning your pledge card or by making an online donation at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now).

For those who have already made a gift, thank you for your early support! The Appeal is a primary means by which we care for our brothers and sisters, and it all starts with YOU.

## OUR LADY OF HOPE MEN'S GROUP

Our Lady of Hope Men's Group invites you to come join us Saturday mornings from 7:15-8:30 am in the church hall, for light refreshments and Christian fellowship in an easy-going, informal atmosphere.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS 2023

<b>13TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</b> July 2	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/ Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
<b>MONDAY</b> July 3	<i>Saint Thomas, Apostle</i> Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
<b>TUESDAY</b> July 4	<i>Independence Day</i> Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> July 5	<i>Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal</i> Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34
<b>THURSDAY</b> July 6	<i>Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr</i> Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8
<b>FRIDAY</b> July 7	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/ Mt 9:9-13
<b>SATURDAY</b> July 8	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17
<b>14TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</b> July 9	Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Pilot Bulletins

## IPSWICH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. It was founded by the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882, and named in honor of the navigator Christopher Columbus. Originally serving as a mutual benefit society to low-income immigrant Catholics, it developed into a fraternal service organization dedicated to providing charitable services, promoting Catholic education, and actively defending Catholicism in various nations.

The Knights of Columbus is not just a fraternity in name. It is a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in improving the world around them, one community at a time. They are dedicated to upholding the principles they cherish - Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. The Knights stand together in faith and lend their support to the parish, home, and fellow Knights. From charity for worldwide causes, to helping closer to home with volunteer activities, to a top-rated insurance program that protects those closest to you, the Knights make the most of its brotherhood.

All men in the parish are welcome and should consider joining the Knights of Columbus. We'd love to have you! For more information on joining the Knights, please contact Jim Foley Grand Knight of Ipswich Council 498 at: [Jamesfoley2233@gmail.com](mailto:Jamesfoley2233@gmail.com).

## CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY MOVES TO LAZARUS CENTER FOR HEALING SHRINE IN WAKEFIELD.

**SUNDAYS at 6:15pm.**

Catholic in Recovery provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery with a sacramental understanding of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected. For more information visit [www.catholicinrecovery.com](http://www.catholicinrecovery.com) or email [cireileenk@gmail.com](mailto:cireileenk@gmail.com).

Meetings are held on SUNDAYS at 6:15pm at the Lazarus Center for Healing Shrine (formerly St. Florence Parish) located at 47 Butler Avenue, Wakefield.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let us share our faith and our love with our spouse. Let us show reconciliation by loving and forgiving our spouse's faults. To learn more and grow in your relationship, sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The dates are:

August 11-13, 2023 in Storrs, CT  
August 25-27, 2023 in Vermont  
September 22-24, 2023 in Huntington, NY  
October 20-22, 2023 in Vermont

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee.

For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatelle at 978-870-5646 or <https://www.mema.org/>





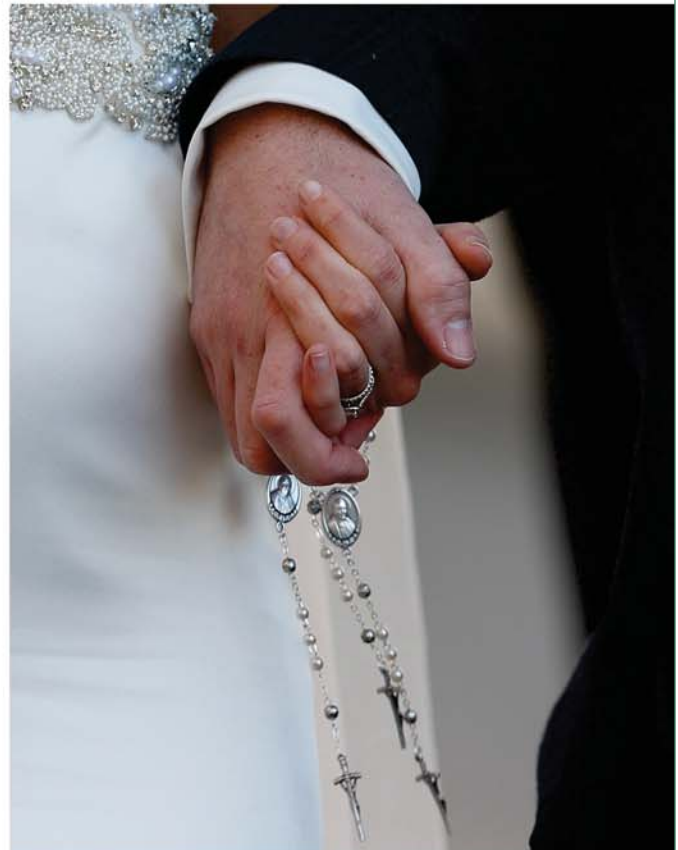
## The Purposes of Marriage

The Catechism teaches that Christ's grace in the Sacrament of Marriage protects the essential purposes of marriage: the good of the couple and the generation and education of children. These purposes are protected and fostered by the permanence of the marriage bond and the mutual fidelity of the spouses.

**"What God has joined together, no human being must separate"** (Mk 10:9). We have already noted that God's plan for marriage involves a permanent covenant embraced by the couple. The Church declares every valid sacramental consummated marriage to be indissoluble, that is, no one can dissolve the marriage bond.

**The Sacrament obliges marital fidelity between the spouses.** Love has a definitive quality about it. It is more than a practical arrangement or a temporary contract. Marital intimacy and the good of the children require total fidelity to conjugal love. This flows from Christ's own fidelity to the Church, which he loved so much that he died for her. By their mutual fidelity, the spouses continue to make present to each other the love of Christ and lead each other to greater holiness through the grace they receive from the Sacrament.

**Married love is ordered to the good of the spouses** and to the pro-creation and education of children. These are the unitive and procreative purposes of marriage. "By its very nature the institution of marriage and married love is ordered to the procreation and education of the offspring and it is in them that it finds its crowning glory" (CCC, no. 1652; GS, no. 48). The fruitfulness of married love includes the moral, spiritual, and faith life the parents hand on to their children. Parents, as principal educators of their children, are at the service of life.



**Together with their children, parents form** what the Second Vatican Council called the domestic church. The Church lives in the daily life of families, in their faith and love, in their prayers and mutual care. The Catechism notes that "All the members of the family exercise the priesthood of the baptized in a privileged way" (CCC, no. 1657).

**Not all married couples are able to have children.** "Spouses to whom God has not granted children can nevertheless have a conjugal life full of meaning. . . [and] can radiate a fruitfulness of charity, of hospitality and of sacrifice" (CCC, no. 1654).



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# Our Dual Role as Disciples and Americans: The Call to Participate



**As** disciples of Christ, and as Americans, the call to participate in public life is an important way of assisting God's work to transform the world around us.

Pope Francis reminds us:

An authentic faith...always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it. We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us, and we love the human family which dwells here, with all its tragedies and struggles, its hopes and aspirations, its strengths and weaknesses. The earth is our common home and all of us are brothers and sisters. If indeed "the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics," the Church, "cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice" (*Joy of the Gospel*, no. 183).

In their statement on political responsibility, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops point to Pope Francis's words to remind us that working to transform the world around us is part of "our baptismal commitment to

follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do" (no. 13).

An important way to do this is through our participation in the public square. The bishops give a number of examples of how we can participate:

- "running for office,"
- "working within political parties,"
- "communicating [our] concerns and positions to elected officials,"
- "joining diocesan social mission or advocacy networks [and] state Catholic conference initiatives,"
- "joining...community organizations," and
- "other efforts to apply authentic moral teaching in the public square" (no. 16).

This Fourth of July, let's celebrate our dual roles—as disciples of Christ, and as Americans. Then let's work to change the world.



This article was adapted from "Our Dual Role as Disciples and Americans: The Call to Participate," originally published on To Go Forth, a blog from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Department of Justice, Peace & Human Development.

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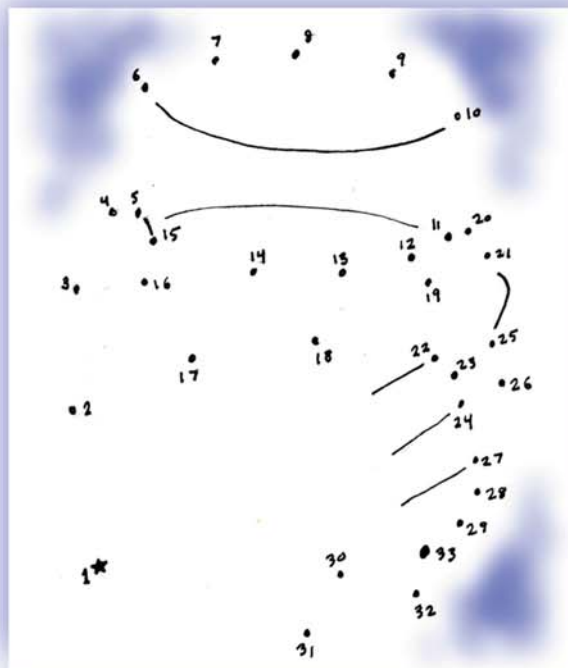


# THE KIDS' BULLETIN

## 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Kids' Bulletins are a resource for Catholic kids who would like to have some fun while learning about the readings from the Sunday Mass. They are made by a mom in Canada who is happy to share them with anyone who can use them to help learn or teach about the truth and beauty of the Faith. For more info visit [thekidsbulletin.com](http://thekidsbulletin.com).

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if you give one of these to a little one because they are His disciple you will be rewarded. What is it? Connect the dots to find out!



## Priorities

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if we love anyone more than we love Him we are not worthy of Him. What He means is that we need to keep God first in our lives. The two great commandments He gave us are 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and strength' and 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

How can we keep God first in our lives? We can start by talking to Him as soon as we start our day. We can tell Him we love Him and offer our day to Him! We also keep God first by following His laws-making sure we go to Mass at least every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, and going to Confession when we have a serious sin.

AFTER MASS  
WE CAN VISIT  
GRANDMA.



I'D LIKE TO PLAY  
BUT I HAVE TO  
LOOK AFTER MY  
BABY BROTHER.



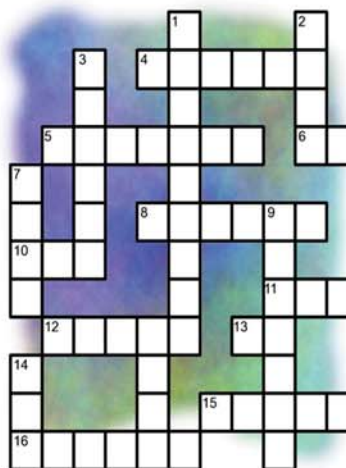
The next most important thing is loving others. God wants us to love and care for the people He has put into our lives. First we must care for our family that He has given us and then our friends and neighbours.

What is the most important thing for you to do today? How can you put God first every day this week?

Answers to Crossword: Across: 4 little, 5 prophet, 6 to, 8 reward, 10 say, 11 cup, 12 cross, 13 me, 15 loves, 16 mother. Down: 1 righteous, 2 sent, 3 worthy, 7 love, 9 receive, 14 him

[www.thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com)

## A Gospel Crossword



Fill in the missing words in today's Gospel reading to find the answers to this crossword!

A=Across  
D=Down

He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who \_\_\_\_\_ (15A) son or daughter more than me

is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his \_\_\_\_\_ (12A) and follow me is not \_\_\_\_\_ (3D) of me. He who finds his life will \_\_\_\_\_ (7D) it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it. "He who receives you receives \_\_\_\_\_ (13A), and he who receives me receives \_\_\_\_\_ (14D) who \_\_\_\_\_ (2D) me. He who receives a prophet because he is a \_\_\_\_\_ (5A) shall \_\_\_\_\_ (9D) a prophet's reward, and he who receives a \_\_\_\_\_ (1D) man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's \_\_\_\_\_ (8A). And whoever gives \_\_\_\_\_ (6A) one of these \_\_\_\_\_ (4A) ones even a \_\_\_\_\_ (11A) of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I \_\_\_\_\_ (10A) to you, he shall not lose his reward."



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