



Catholic Kid's Corner

♥ And kids at heart! ♥

"Let the little children come to me." Mt. 9:14

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that following him can sometimes be hard. Jesus invites us to live in peace. But he also calls us to make good choices and do what is right. Being Jesus' follower means we wouldn't make a bad choice just to make someone else happy. We wouldn't leave out someone because another friend asks us to. Following Jesus might be hard sometimes, but making good choices helps us be closer to God and have peaceful hearts and minds.

C	H	H	A	H	U	L	I	E	S	U	O	H	E
R	A	N	P	E	T	E	S	E	T	F	P	D	D
A	J	O	O	A	J	C	S	E	A	O	R	I	R
T	E	R	S	L	U	O	A	R	T	U	A	S	O
E	S	R	T	E	D	A	A	S	O	N	C	C	S
L	U	E	L	D	G	B	D	E	E	D	T	I	E
U	S	W	E	O	E	L	S	O	S	A	I	P	D
R	T	A	S	L	A	E	S	B	L	T	C	L	P
R	D	R	E	E	V	S	H	E	E	I	E	E	D
O	P	D	O	C	E	S	E	N	L	O	C	S	C
L	E	V	I	G	V	E	N	D	E	N	S	H	C
T	C	E	H	A	O	D	U	E	P	L	L	V	E
S	P	H	E	I	L	O	C	T	C	E	J	E	R
R	O	G	E	U	N	E	H	E	A	R	T	L	S

GIVE
HOUSE
JESUS
BLESSED
PRACTICE

HEALED
REJECT
HEART
DISCIPLES
FOUNDATION

JUDGE
APOSTLES
LOVE
REWARD

Doing The
Right Thing,
Even When
No One Is
Watching!



My Prayers

BE THANKFUL

God, thank you for _____

Thank you for loving me and watching over me.

PRAY FOR YOURSELF

God, I pray that you help me make the right choices. Help me understand what is right and wrong. Help me with _____

PRAY FOR YOUR DAY

Thank you for being everywhere with me. God I pray that you keep me safe. I pray for your peace over my day today.

CONFESS YOUR SINS

Sorry God for _____

Help me to obey your word.

PRAY FOR OTHERS

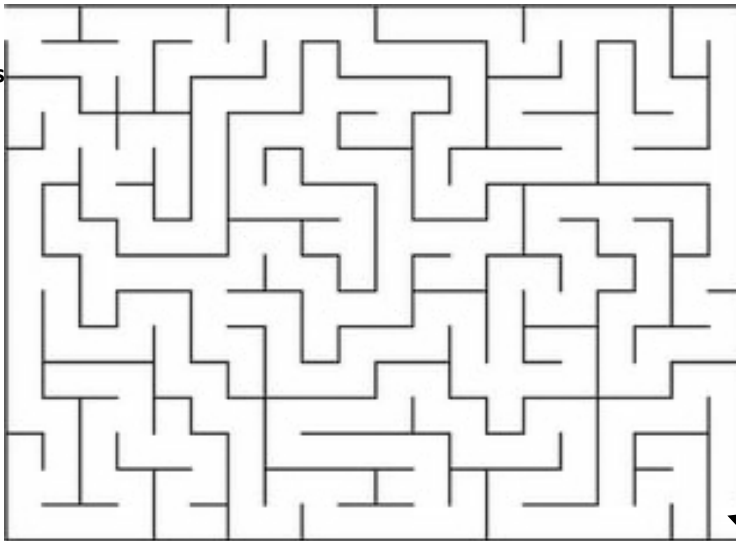
I pray that my family and friends will encounter your love.

FORGIVE OTHERS

God today I choose to forgive _____ for _____

God Heal this hurt in my heart In Jesus name. Amen

FOLLOW THE MAZE TO GOOD CHOICES



RISEN SAVIOR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE

7701 WYOMING BLVD NE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87109

August 17, 2025

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Clergy

Rev. Charles Ugochukwu, Pastor
Deacon Mark Bussemeier
Deacon Manuel Garcia
Deacon Tim Parker

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.

First Fridays: 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days are Announced

Reconciliation

Tuesday & Thursday: 11:00 a.m.
until the beginning of Mass
Saturday at 3:00pm

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism Classes: Contact the parish office to register for the next scheduled date.

Please contact the parish office or visit the parish website for more information on all other Sacraments

Anointings

Please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Office

Hours: Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Email: hope@risensaviorcc.org

Phone: 505-821-1571 Fax: 505-857-0065

Visit us at
www.RisenSaviorCC.org

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.

Having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Recall that in chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His baptism will be the conflict into which he will be immersed as he approaches Jerusalem and his death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The angels at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth, and Simeon, holding the baby Jesus in the Temple, said to God: "Master, now you may let your servant go in peace." Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Simeon said as much when he turned to Mary and said that the child was destined for the rise and fall of many and to be a sign that will be contradicted. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters.

The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships.

We don't expect to hear such difficult words from Jesus in the Gospel. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. In today's reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.



