

Theme - The veil between heaven and earth is thin

“For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day .”

Verse 40, John 6:37-40



Adults -

1. As we celebrate All Soul's Day, we take time to remember our loved ones who have passed. Share something about a person in your life who has passed away.
2. All Soul's Day offers us an opportunity to not be alone in our grief. The Church and the Communion of Saints is always here with us, spread throughout the world and time. Does knowing this bring you comfort? In what ways have you leaned on the Church for support in your grief of loved ones?
3. As Christians, we are not promised an easy road. We are, however, promised a share in the inheritance and a place in his kingdom. How might awareness of this shape your life and your faith?

Obstacles for living out the Gospel: Forgetting that we are never alone, Jesus always walks with us.

Teens -

1. What might it look like to come to Jesus in your daily life? What does it mean to you when Jesus says, "I will not reject anyone who comes to me"? Have you ever felt left out, rejected, or not good enough? How does this passage speak to that?
2. How can we remind ourselves and others that we are never too far gone for God's love?
3. What are some simple ways you can come to Jesus in prayer this week? How can reading Scripture help you "come closer" to Jesus? What role does the Eucharist or going to Mass play in coming to Him?



Obstacles to living out the Gospel: Even though Jesus promises never to reject us, we may project human rejection onto Him, thinking, "I've messed up too much for God to still want me."

Children -

1. Who are some friends or family members who have died that you can pray for? Have you ever asked them to pray for you? Why or why not?
2. The Mass is a coming together of heaven and earth. What do you see at Mass that reminds you that we are praying with all those who have gone before us in faith?
3. Right before the Eucharistic prayer, Fr. Steve calls the saints to pray with us, do you believe that we are not only praying with one another but with those in heaven as well during Mass? Why or why not?

Obstacles to living out the Gospel: Not realizing that we can call on those in heaven to pray for us. Not realizing that we belong to the Communion of Saints.