Ordinary Time: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Lead Story Headline: Serving Others

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Gospel: Mark 10:42–45

"Jesus said to his disciples, "You know that those who are supposed to be rulers of the Gentiles use their power to take advantage of the people. Those rulers love to feel very important and to have other people serve them. But you must not be like that. If you want to be truly great, you must serve others. And if you want to be the most important, you must serve everyone. I did not come so that others could serve me. I came so that I could serve everyone. I came to give my life to save all people."

This is the Good News of the Lord.


Brainstorm:

Think about one of the most common Catholic prayers: the Sign of the Cross. When do we make the Sign of the Cross? Come up with a list of places and times when you do make the Sign of the Cross. Do you make it at other times too? What do you know about holy water? Is it a good custom to keep holy water at home to bless yourself when you get up, before you go to bed, and whenever you leave the house?


What Do You Think?

1. What does a servant do?

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2. What are some examples of leaders?

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Activity: Reaching for Heaven

Mark 10:45 tells us why Jesus came to earth. Make a path from heaven to the cross at the end. Read the words as you go to find what Jesus did for us!


Food For Thought:

In many Catholic churches, altars contain relics - small bone fragments or pieces of clothing of saints. That tradition goes back to when the first churches were built over the tombs of people who had died for the faith. Relics remind us that Jesus in the Eucharist unites all people - those who are living and those who have died.

"Have mercy, God... I trust in you for my safety!"

Psalm 27
Inside Scoop: Anointing of the Sick

Have you heard of this sacrament, the anointing of the sick? There seems to be a sacrament for everything! This sacrament is for when people are very sick. If you read the Bible, you will see that Jesus healed a lot of people - those who were sick, or close to dying! Sometimes, he even raised people from the dead. This helped people to believe in Jesus. When Jesus was gone, the apostles were able to heal people as well. Today, our priests will often visit those who are sick and anoint them with oil. This doesn't always mean that the person will get better, but it helps them to accept their suffering too! This sacrament can be similar to reconciliation as it forgives the person of their sins and prepares them if it is their time to go to heaven. Do you know someone who is very sick? Or someone who has had this sacrament? Pray for people in the world who are sick and those who you know specifically.


"If you want to be the greatest, you must serve my brothers, serve my sisters... If you want to be the greatest, you must serve."

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