

31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: November 3, 2013

The religious traditions that you set up in your home will tell children the faith is important to you. Your greatest gift to your children will be an appreciation of the Faith as a totally new way of looking at life. If we are to live forever with God, we walk thru a passing world with hearts set on a world that will we never end. Jesus teaches us that life is not easy – it is worthwhile! W.W.J.T. (What Would Jesus Think) and W.W.J.D. (What Would Jesus Do) become our way managing life in God's name.

The home is the first church in which a child worships. The home and parents have 90% more impact on children than either the Church or the School. At this time, we will make a renewed effort to share the faith with future generations by beginning where a child's faith begins – in the Home.

Our Thinkabouts are based on the Daily Mass Readings

Sun. Nov. 3, 2013: Wis. 11:22 – 12:2; 2Thess. 1:11-22; Lk. 19:1-10

God wants us to be attentive to His presence. How do we remember God in our home each day? What religious traditions remind us of God? God called us each by name. What difference has it made in my taking charge of my life? Jesus saw not a hated tax collector but Zaccheus. When I see difficult people do I see Christ in them?

Mon. Nov. 4, 2013: Rom. 11:29-36; Lk. 14:12-14

God has called us to the Leaven Community – by our presence inviting the world to take God more seriously. How does the life I live show all the world that God is in charge? Do I seek to walk with God each day – knowing I'm never alone? Jesus models selfless love. List some ways our family does this? What more could we do?

Tues. Nov. 5: Rom. 12:5-16; Lk. 14:12-14

Paul says our model for community is the body – many members, all important, all properly functioning for the good of the whole. How does this show in our family's connection to Church, God, prayer? Is God my "Peace?" God invites me to come to his company, banquet, community. How does this show in our lives?

Wed. Nov. 6: Rom. 13:8-10; Lk. 14:25-33

Jesus tells us love is fulfillment of the Law. We show love for the God we don't see by the way we treat those we see. List the ways our family does this. How good are we at forgiving? Jesus describes "following" Him as involving a Total Commitment renewed and lived every day. How do we model this and encourage growth in it?

Thurs. Nov. 7 Rom: 14:7-12; Lk. 15:1-10

Paul reminds us that Christ is in charge of our lives. We are accountable and will be held responsible. How much input do I allow Christ in the managing of my life? How often do we consult Him? Parable of the Lost Sheep Reminds us of how much God loves each of us. Others are left so I may be found. Do I return the favor?

Fri. Nov. 8: Rom: 15:14-21; Lk.16:1-8

Paul told his audience once: Copy me as I copy Christ. WWJT and WWJD should be part of my consultation and discernment process many times each day both individually and in our home. How are we doing? Jesus tells us to be very practical in following Him. If there is a problem I am not addressing, when will I deal with it? God matters.

Sat. Nov. 9: Lateran Basilica: Ezeck: 47:1-12; 1Cor. 39-17

Paul cherishes the community of faith as a support to Him in his own commitment to be Christ for others. Do I see how I am needed also for our Faith Community to be Christ for others today? How do I do this? Jesus tells us to check our priorities. It is easy for us to begin thinking as the world does. What reality checks have I for each day?