

LYNNFIELD CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

## *Children's Liturgy of the Word*

### *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



### *Family Guide:*

This is a guide designed for families to use in addition to our Children's Liturgy of the Word video for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time! Included in this guide are the Opening and Closing prayers, the Gospel Reading, Reflection and Reflection Questions, and Directions for the craft activity. You will find a resource page with additional activities as well!

## Opening Hymn:

Those Who Love and Those Who Labor ([CLICK HERE](#))

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## Opening Prayer:

Lord Jesus,

Be with us as we gather in your name. Help us and guide us in all that we say and do as we do our best to follow you.

Amen.

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## 1st Reading:

[Ezekiel 33: 7-9](#)

A reading from Ezekiel

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, “O wicked one, you shall surely die, ” and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

**The word of the Lord.** *Thanks be to God.*

# Psalm

*If today you hear His voice, harden not your heart.*

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## 2nd Reading

### Romans 13: 8-10

**A reading from the the first letter of Paul to the Romans:**

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet, ” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

**The word of the Lord.** *Thanks be to God.*

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## Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia* ([Click Here](#))



# Gospel

## Matthew 18: 15-20

### **A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus said to his disciples: “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.** *Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ*

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## *Reflection and Reflection Questions*

In today’s Gospel, we hear Jesus’ promise that whenever there are two or three gathered in his name, he is there in the midst of them, through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Recently, we have had to limit our in-person meetings and gatherings, but fortunately, technology has helped us to meet online through Zoom, Facebook, Twitter, and other platforms. However it is that we meet people - whether it is in-person or online: for work, school, or some other activity,

when we invite Jesus to be with us during that time, then we know he will be with us - listening to us and guiding us.

When are some of the times that you might invite Jesus to be with you? This week, take some time with your family to think about moments that you and your family can invite Jesus to be with you. Some examples might include when you pray, when you go to Church, or even when you are at school or are attending classes online.

Finding ways to bring people together is a good thing, especially when we come together to support one another. Take some time this week to think about ways that you can bring people together, even though we might have to remain physically separate. Can you invite people from your parish to donate food for a local food pantry? Or maybe write *Thinking of You* letters to those who are unable to leave their home? What are some of the ways that you can support other people?

As you think about ways that you can support others, take time to pray for them as well. Prayer unites us all, bringing us closer to God and one another. When we pray, we think about ourselves and our needs, as well as the needs of other people.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the power and value several people have when they gather together in his name. The next time you are with others, invite Jesus to be with you, and trust in his promise - that he will be there guiding and helping you through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

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## *Profession of Faith*

*Yes Lord, I Believe! ([Click Here](#))*

# Prayer of the Faithful

**Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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## Family Activity

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus' reminder that when only a few people gather together in his name, then he is there through the presence of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in that promise, this week the family activity is a *prayer collage*. Supplies that you will need for this activity include: a print-out of the sheet with the candle image and block words, construction paper, glue stick, crayons, scissors, magazine that can be used to cut out images, and any stickers or glitter that you would like to add to your collage for decoration.

**Step 1:** Print out the page with the image of the candle and block words.

**Step 2:** Color in the candle and block words with crayon, marker or colored pencil.

**Step 3:** Cut out the image of the candle and block words.

**Step 4:** Using a piece of construction paper as the base of the collage, glue the candle onto the paper. Then, look through the magazine to find images of things that remind you of people, things, places, etc. that you would like to pray for. Cut out those images and place them around the candle (but don't cover the candle). Glue them onto the construction paper. Add the block words (or find other words in the magazine) to add on top of the images of people and things that we can pray for. Glue the words down onto the construction paper.

**Step 5:** Decorate your collage with stickers and glitter to complete this Prayer Collage.

## Closing Prayer:

Loving Father,

You know us and love us so much. Hear our prayers and help us to grow each day in the image of your Son. We pray through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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## Closing Hymn:

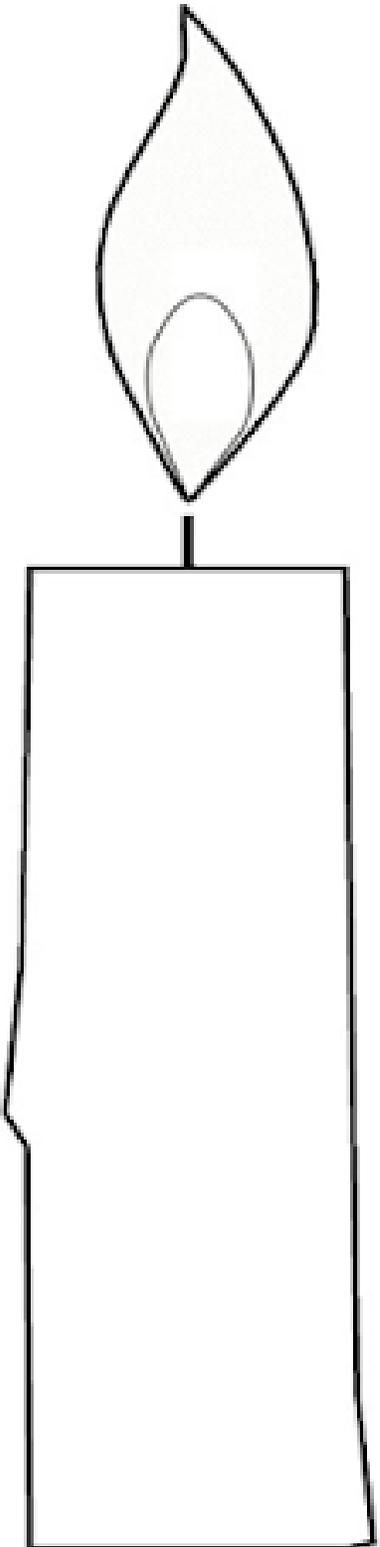
For the Fruits of This Creation ([CLICK HERE](#))

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## Family Resources

- [\*The Kid's Bulletin: September 6th, 2020\*](#)
- [\*Loyola Press Monthly Craft: September\*](#)





**Friends  
Family**

**Peace**

**World Leaders**

**The Sick**