

Preparing for Next Sunday's Mass



Parish LinC Letter July 2, 2017/Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOUR STEPS TO LINC TOGETHER AT HOME, CHURCH MEETING, OR ANYWHERE!

Step 1 READ THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURE PASSAGE PAYING ATTENTION TO A WORD, PHRASE, OR IDEA THAT STANDS OUT TO YOU:

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“Jesus said to his apostles: ‘Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.



‘Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward’” (Mt 10:37-42).

Step 2 MAKE USE OF ONE OF THESE COMMUNION CONNECTIONS:

Written Reflections: Our one and only: Jesus' words in this Scripture passage remind us that ultimately we have only One in whom to focus our thoughts, affection, and our goal for living. That One is He who sent Jesus on the mission of redemption and salvation. It isn't that we shouldn't love our parents, our children, and our spouses; but to make them our highest priority turns them into a source of division among us. So that we may become completely unified - the intention God has for us - means to make our highest priority that One, who is shared completely among all of us - that is, God the Father.

<https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/the-demands-of-discipleship/546/>

<http://thematadorword.blogspot.com/>

Step 3 CONSIDER AND DISCUSS THESE 3 QUESTIONS:

1. What word, phrase or idea stands out to you when you hear this Gospel?
2. How does that word/phrase/idea connect with your life? Where have you “seen” it your own life?
3. After considering that word/phrase/idea, how might you be called to transform your life as you try to become a better follower of Jesus?

Step 4 CONCLUDE BY PRAYING OUR “PARISH COMMUNION PRAYER”

O Communion of Love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, embrace us as your children in this family of faith. Welcome us to a place at your table in the wedding feast of heaven. O Father of Mercy, forgive us as we forgive. Reconcile us as one Body in Christ and make us instruments of your Peace. O Spirit of Fire and Light, send us as your witnesses in daily life. Through our prayer, faith, and good works may we become welcoming doorways, inviting others to enter and encounter your Holy Communion of Love.

We make this prayer, Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and through Christ our Lord. Amen