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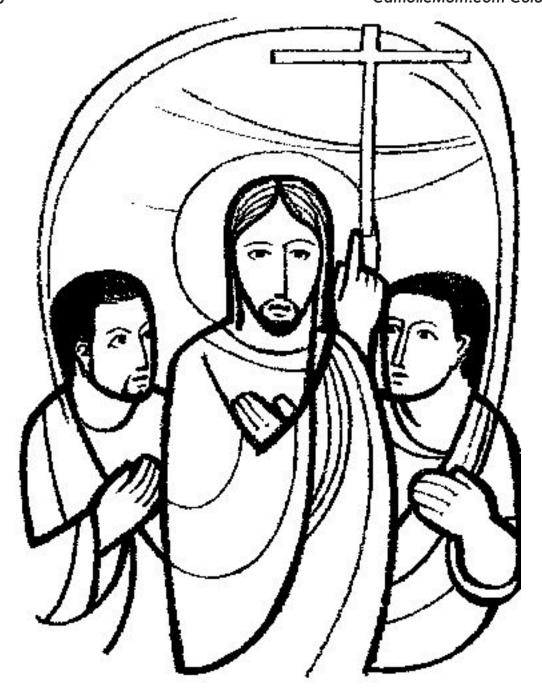


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Our gospel passage for this week is from Mark 10:35-45. This week, we celebrate the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In this week's Gospel reading from Mark, two of Jesus' disciples, the brothers James and John, were arguing over which of them should have the seat next to Jesus when they arrived in heaven. Do you ever argue with your brother or sister over who is better at something? Jesus told the brothers, his disciples, that they should not aim to be the greatest in this world. Instead that they should try to be the ones who loved and served their neighbors the best! We are called to do the same, to be more worried about what we give, how we help, than what we get and how we are helped.

This week, look for a chance to serve someone in your life. Help mom with the dishes, rake leaves for dad, or clean the classroom for your teacher. In giving and helping others, we serve as Jesus Christ called us to serve.



For More Fun:

- ✓ Read Mark 10:35-45 in your family bible. Discuss a service project your family might undertake visit a nursing home, give to a homeless shelter, or aid a neighbor in need. As we continue the Year of Faith, pray the Creed (available at http://goo.gl/8y2Qu) as a family this week.
- ✓ Learn more about the saints whose lives we celebrate this month at www.CatholicSaints.info.
- ✓ Check out the new "Chime Travelers" Catholic fiction series for kids at http://bit.ly/chimetravelers & learn about the lives of the Saints! Our Gospel activities are shared free of charge and used around the world by parishes, schools and families. Please support our apostolate by purchasing Lisa Hendey's books Amazon, Barnes & Noble or your local Catholic bookstore or by making a small donation to the website. We love receiving your feedback! Email Lisa at lisa@catholicmom.com to let us know where you're coloring with us!

"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."