

# SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

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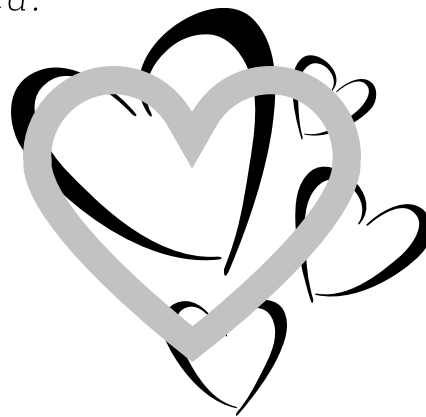
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In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells those listening to him, "Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled, and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted." What does this mean?

When Jesus walked the earth over 2,000 years ago, the men in charge of the temple where Jesus and his family worshiped wore fancy clothes and considered themselves better than those that sought their guidance. They also had rules that made it difficult for people to feel that they were good and obedient to God. Our Heavenly Father could have chosen to send Jesus as one of these men, instead he asked Mary, a humble woman, and Joseph, a lowly carpenter, to raise his only son. Jesus lived a simple life, but a life focused on others - *to bring peace of mind and heart, to forgive those who had sinned.*



FOR MORE FUN!

- ★ Do you know what it means to be humble? A person who does not view themselves as better than others is considered humble. Is there a person in your life that you view as humble?
- ★ Jesus showed his apostles what he meant by this Gospel when he washed their feet on Holy Thursday, showing by his actions we are called to serve one another. Think of a person you can help this week!
- ★ This week is National Vocation Week! Ask your parish priest about his "yes" to God's call! Pray for men and women to open their hearts, minds and souls to serve God as a priest or religious! These men and women truly live out this Gospel by giving their life in service to others.