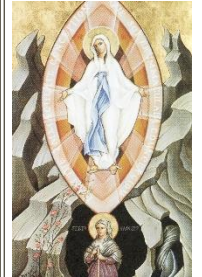


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# Kids@Mass



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## This Week's Gospel >>>

### *The Parable of Two Sons:*

God calls us to follow him and help him in the work of his Kingdom but sometimes we do not say "Yes" to him right away. However, God forgives us when we admit our wrongs and his love helps change our minds about what we ought to do. He calls us to put his teachings into action and live our lives filled with love, charity and mercy.

**"For this reason I fall on my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth receives its true name.**

**I ask God from the wealth of his glory to give you power through his Spirit to be strong in your inner selves, and I pray that Christ will make his home in your hearts through faith."**

**– Ephesians 3:14-17**

Welcome to Lourdes Kids@Mass online initiative. We're so glad you found us!. We hope you had a chance to watch the first two episodes of our live-streaming programming for children on you-tube. Moving our Kids at Mass program on line has been a big priority for us since we reopened the church



doors for Sunday Masses in June. There's been a lot to learn and we are so proud of our Kid's Team who have worked hard to prepare the lessons and all those who are learning the ins and outs of taping, editing and streaming each episode. Today, we so excited to introduce a new component to our

online initiative – the **Kids@Mass Family Pack**. Filled with the same great lesson and teachings as our streamed episodes, the pack will

allow families at home to gather together and lead the prayers and share together in the gospel. The pack will also contain activities, great tips and faith resources for families at home.

Our plan is to alternate each Sunday between our streamed episodes and our family pack.

So, welcome to the first issue. And, in the words of St. Paul, let us pray that **"Christ will make his home in [our] hearts through faith."**

1. *Let's start with a Prayer*  
– *make the Sign of the Cross*

In the name of the Father  
And of the Son  
And of the Holy Spirit. Amen



### *3. Some things to think about before we read the Gospel.*

Hi friends! Today, we're going to read the parable of the two sons who were workers in the vineyard and talk about our answer to God's call.

Yes, older or younger whether we know it or not we all are called by God to live our lives with love, charity and mercy.

Now, we have to understand what was happening to Jesus when he told this story or parable of the two sons working in the vineyard to the high priests in the Temple.

Jesus was frustrated with the high priests in the Temple who were doubting Jesus' words and actions. Can you imagine the scene? It sounds strange to think about Jesus doing such a thing and getting so angry.

But friends, what He saw happening was so wrong. Jesus wanted the high priests to change their mind and to listen truly to Him with an open heart. So he told them a parable.

In the parable, Jesus talks about two sons and how they react to the father's request to work in his vineyard. He told this story to show that people answer differently to God's request to follow his teaching in life or "working in His vineyard."

We all have a call from God to answer in our life. Do you have any ideas what your call may be today? It doesn't need to be super hard or super complicated. God loves simple things done with love.

Helping others and being nice with them means answering quickly God's call in our life.

So, as you can see, it is important being nice with family and friends and helping them. It is very pleasing to Jesus because we are following his instructions and teachings on how we should live and work for Him when we do our jobs well and that's what our Gospel reading for today (Matthew 21:28-32) will explain to us.

Okay everyone, let's get ready to listen and learn with our eyes, ears, and hearts wide open!

**You will find the Parable in the PDF which accompanies this newsletter.**



## Gospel Reflection & Activity:

Hi again friends, good job on being attentive to today's readings! Now let's see what we learned with a few questions.

Who refused to work in the vineyard right away when their father asked?

- A. The older son
- B. The second son

What did the older son do after refusing?

- A. He changed his mind.
- B. He went for a nap.

What did the second son do when his father asked him to work in the vineyard?

- A. He said yes, and went to work right away.
- B. He said yes, but then did not go into the vineyard to work.



## Praying together to Our Father

Let's now pray together a very special prayer that Jesus taught us, Our Father.

Our Father,  
Who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy Will be done,  
on earth as it is in  
Heaven.

Give us this day  
our daily bread.  
And forgive us our  
trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into  
temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

Amen!

The older son did what his father wanted and he was honest when asked to do a task. Jesus is teaching us that when we listen to what is preached, it should create a change in our hearts and actions. Even if we didn't say yes right away to God, He is a forgiving God and he will be right there for us when we change our minds. So it is important to show the love, charity and mercy that Jesus teaches us in our actions. Now friends what's one way you can show love, charity (giving), or mercy (forgiving) this week?

### Kids Korner >>>

Hey Friends, can you find God's Kingdom?

Start at the beginning and make your way through the maze.

And don't get discouraged if you have to backtrack or start again.

Remember that Jesus is always ready to give us another chance to get things right!



# Kids@Mass...

Great job everyone! We're so glad that you joined us today and we hope to see you soon. Be good, be healthy and be safe! God bless and take care!

## For Moms & Dads >>>

- Is your child nearing Sacramental age – usually age 7 or 8? We will be registering children for 1st Communion and 1<sup>st</sup> Confession Preparation throughout the month of October. If you would like more information, or need a registration form, email us: [info@lourdes.to](mailto:info@lourdes.to)
- Are you receiving our Parish Weekly update? Let us put you on our flocknote list and we will keep you up to date on all the parish news: sign up through [lourdes.to](http://lourdes.to)

## askfather@lourdes.to

Did you ever have a question that you wanted to ask a priest? Father John would love to hear from you. Email him with your questions and thoughts any time. Questions that might be helpful to other families will be posted in upcoming issues along with Father's answers. Stay tuned!



## Coming Soon >>>

Here's what's happening at Lourdes during the month of October:

Here some great faith resources to consider for your family:

- **For Kids:** Free Bible app for Kids: go to [bibleappforkids.com](http://bibleappforkids.com)
- **For Families:** Loyola Press Catholic Resources: a library covering many areas, including activities for families, the liturgical year, prayer, sacraments, saints and more: [www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith](http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith)
- **For adults:** Word on Fire – This amazing virtual library of faith resources is free through the parish – sign up today: <https://lourdes.to/wordonfire/>

- **Sunday, October 4:**  
Livestream of Kids@Mass  
<https://lourdes.to/kids/>
- **Sunday, October 11:** Our next issue of the Family Pack with a supplement on praying the Rosary together at home
- **Monday, October 12:**  
Thanksgiving (What are you most thankful for?)
- **Sunday, October 18:**  
Livestream of Kids@Mass  
(<https://lourdes.to/kids/>)
- **Sunday, October 25:**  
Issue #3 of the Family Pack with supplement on preparing for the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls (November 1 and November 2)

See you next week for our next Kids@Mass episode at <https://lourdes.to/kids/>