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Family Connect Newsletter  
Week of October 10-16  
Preparing for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Isaiah 53:10-11  
Psalm 33  
Hebrews 4:14-16  
Mark 10:35-45

## Parent Connect

### Thoughts on Mark 10:35-45

Sunday's Gospel offers another example of the true humanity of Jesus' disciples. Part of each of us wants to be FIRST. Being the winner makes us feel good.

What often happens when a classroom of children are asked to line up? How many times is there an argument or pushing match for the back of the line?

The remaining ten disciples were understandably upset with James and John. Jesus reminded all of them that power and recognition must not be their goal. They are to serve and not to be served.

Remind your children that Jesus made it quite clear that a position of authority always comes with a great responsibility.

How do your children think the disciples reacted to Jesus' insistence that authority and leadership imply service?

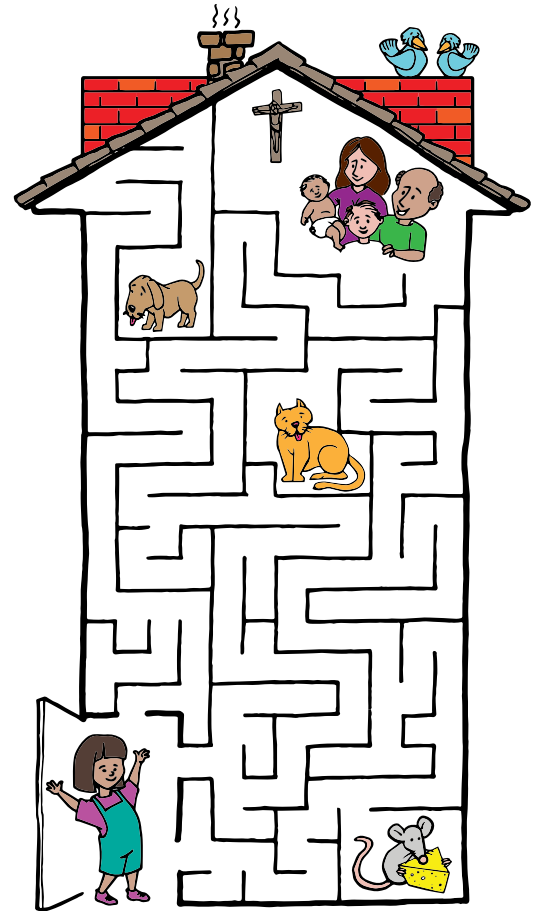
The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Christ's whole life expresses his mission: 'to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many'" [608].

Discuss the duties/responsibilities of those in authority.

What happens when our leaders expect to be served rather than serve?



## A-MAZE-ing



**You can serve others right at home!**

**Write what you will do to serve your family this week.**

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Friday, October 15

**Teresa of Jesus (Avila),  
1515-1582**

St. Teresa entered an order of Carmelite Sisters and became discouraged because they were not living up to the original strict rules of the order. Teresa wanted more discipline and time for prayer which she thought would lead everyone closer to God.

She not only reformed her religious order, but was also responsible for speaking out on serious issues of her time. In a time when women were supposed to be silent, Teresa's influence and advice were extremely important to the leaders of the Church. Even the pope sought out and valued her opinion. She is one of only three women to be granted the title Doctor of the Church. Her teachings and writings are still widely read and studied today.

## Let's Talk Around the Table!



- Give each family member a small gift or a piece of candy, but before they have a chance to enjoy or eat them, take them back and put them away.
- Give everyone a simple task which they will all be able to do quickly, such as writing their name on a piece of paper.
- As each person completes his/her task, give back the candy (treasure). Explain that they had to pay a ransom to get their treasure back. Jesus gave his life as a ransom for our sins. What a great price it was!

## Pray Today!

Jesus, thank you for loving me so much that you gave your life as a ransom for mine. May I do my best to serve others as you want me to. Amen.