



A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE KIDS OF ST. AMBROSE

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

**Saint Simeon** was a prophet, and we read about him in the New Testament when the infant Jesus was brought to the Temple for his Presentation. Saint Simeon had been visited by the Holy Spirit and was told that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah, the Savior. When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple, Saint Simeon took the child in his arms, uttered the prayer below that is still used today in the Divine Office, and foretold Jesus' death on the cross. Saint Simeon's feast day is October 8. **Saint Simeon, pray for us!**

(Ref. AnaStpaul.com)

*"Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;  
your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes  
have seen the salvation which you have  
prepared in the sight of every people:  
a light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel."*

- Saint Simeon



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## FAMILY TIME

*At the dinner table,  
in the car,  
we talk about our faith,  
wherever we are!*



This week's Gospel reminds us of an important truth about God's justice and how we might hope to be part of His Kingdom. We are called to serve others and bear fruit, that is, to make the Kingdom better by doing His will.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION:** 'Fruit' refers to the evidence that we have responded to God's will and built up His kingdom. This evidence can be that those around us feel loved, that their needs are taken care of, and that they can feel the joy that is in us because of our love of the Lord and our Christian example.

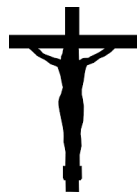
- In what ways do we successfully build up the Kingdom? What are the fruits of this service for the Lord?
- In what ways can we improve in serving others and the Lord?

**Psalm 80 "The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel."**

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*Let us learn...*

The Lord sent us the Holy Spirit to help us do His will and build up the Kingdom. St. Paul tells us the fruit of the Spirit is "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22). Visit the link below to learn more about the fruits of the Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit, come



For Kids: God's Story -  
 Fruit of the Spirit



For Parents: Fruits of the Holy  
 Spirit with Bishop Barron

**PRAY AND DRAW:** In the second reading, St. Paul tells us that the peace of God will be with us when we share our needs with God and give Him thanks for all He has given us. In the space below, draw or write a prayer to God, asking Him for what you need and thanking Him for what He has already given to you. Then close your eyes and feel God's peace!