



A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE KIDS OF ST. AMBROSE

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

Born in 1478, **Saint Thomas More** is most widely known for his steadfast refusal to support King Henry VIII's divorce & remarriage and the king's establishment of the Church of England. For this, he was beheaded on Tower Hill in 1535. In his final statement, he said he was "the king's good servant, but God's first", underscoring his refusal to deny his Catholic faith. More was canonized in 1935 and in 2000, Saint Pope John Paul II made him patron of political leaders. "The supreme diplomat and counselor, he did not compromise his own moral values in order to please the king, knowing that true allegiance to authority is not blind acceptance of everything that authority wants." He is also the patron saint of lawyers and public servants. His feast day is June 22. **Saint Thomas More, pray for us!** (ref. FranciscanMedia.org)



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"What does it avail to know that there is a God, which you not only believe by Faith, but also know by reason: what does it avail that you know Him if you think little of Him?"

- St. Thomas More

FAMILY TIME

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



In today's Gospel, Jesus sends out the twelve apostles to proclaim the kingdom of heaven.

LITTLE ONES: Have your parents ever given you a job to do? It's because they trust you! Jesus trusted the apostles & gave them jobs too. Like the apostles, you have a mission! Your mission is to bring Jesus' love to people through your words & actions. Think about how you might do that with the people in your life this week.

BIGGER ONES: In this reading, the apostles are given a kind of internship, to prepare themselves. In today's world, how would you go about following Jesus' instructions to his apostles? How can we "cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, [and] drive out demons"?

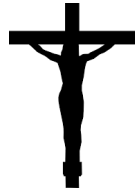
FAMILY CHALLENGE: When we work together, daunting tasks don't seem impossible. As a family, reflect on how you work together to contribute to family life. Take time to thank one another for your contributions. They are all important!

Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 100:
 "We are his people, the sheep of his flock."



Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/5642433/>

GLADNESS
 LORD
 KINDNESS
 FLOCK
 SING
 GOOD
 GENERATIONS
 PEOPLE
 JOYFUL
 FAITHFULNESS



Let us learn...

Why Do We Baptize With Water?



Did John the Baptist invent baptism? Actually, no. The story of baptism goes back to our Jewish ancestry with the ritual cleansing of the Mikvah. This 3min video from Formed explains.

Honor St. John the Baptist...



With water balloons? Learn about fun traditions practiced around the world...and new ones you can do as a family! (Formed, 3 min. 39 sec.)



Zechariah, John and Elizabeth - TheCatholicKid.com

June 24th is the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. The Church honors him for his role in preparing the way for Christ!



*O God, who hast made this day to be honorable in our eyes by the commemoration of blessed John the Baptist, grant unto Thy people the grace of spiritual joy, and direct the minds of all Thy faithful into the way of everlasting salvation. Through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.*