



A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE KIDS OF ST. AMBROSE

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Saint Gregory the Great was born in the sixth century in Rome and was pope from 590 until 604 when he died. He was a great writer and a powerful leader. He fought against other leaders who were corrupt, founded several monasteries, and was not afraid to stand up to people who opposed the Catholic faith, meanwhile always trying to work towards peaceful resolutions when possible. He also helped refugees, secured food supply, and repaired aqueducts in the city of Rome. He was a holy and humble man who referred to himself as 'servant of the servants of God.' He placed great emphasis on the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. He is the patron saint of musicians, singers, students, and teachers. His feast day is September 3rd. **Saint Gregory the Great, pray for us!**

(Ref. Britannica.com)

*"God is within all things but not included;
outside all things but not excluded. God is
above all things but not beyond their reach."*

- Saint Gregory the Great



Pope Saint Gregory the Great - © TheCatholicKid.com

FAMILY TIME

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



In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches Peter and the other disciples that following Him will not be easy and will cause suffering. They should take up their cross, deny their desires and what the world offers, and keep their eyes on the Lord and glory of Heaven.

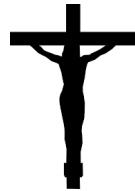
FAMILY DISCUSSION: The world tells us to avoid pain and seek only what makes us happy and feel good. This is not what Jesus teaches.

- Name one thing that causes pain or is really challenging but brings about something good.
- Name something else that seems fun or easy but actually leads to something not-so-good.
- How is following God's will for us similar to this and how can you better embrace the challenging parts of being a Christian?

Psalm 63 “My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.”

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THIRSTS
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Let us learn...

Teens and parents, want to dig a little deeper into understanding the role of suffering in the Christian life?



Offering Sacrifice for Sins

“As human beings, we will experience suffering throughout our lives. This episode shows us how our suffering and sacrifices, both big and small, can help us and other souls get to Heaven...Christianity is set apart from any other religion because our suffering has salvific value.”

(Ref. FORMED)

PRAY AND DRAW: In today’s first reading, the Prophet Jeremiah describes how hard it can be to let others know that you love the Lord, but then he says he loves the Lord so much that it’s like a fire burning inside him, and he can’t all that keep the love inside! How does your love for God burst forth for others to see? In flames of love like Jeremiah? In song? Pray about it and create an illustration below.