

# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 26, 2023 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



WHERE THE CHURCH IS, THERE ARE HIS MYSTERIES  
- SAINT AMBROSE -

**Very Reverend Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., Pastor**  
**Reverend Michael T. Nugent, Parochial Vicar**  
**Reverend Anthony Appiah, In Residence**

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday | 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, 5 p.m.

Monday - Friday | 7 a.m., 9 a.m.

Saturday | 9 a.m., 5 p.m. (Vigil)

Holy Days | As announced

## **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday | 9:30 a.m., 3 - 4 p.m.

## **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

Saturday | After 9 a.m. Mass

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First Friday | 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Benediction)

## **SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

703-698-7171 | [stambroseschool.org](http://stambroseschool.org) | [info@stambroseschool.org](mailto:info@stambroseschool.org)

3901 WOODBURN ROAD | ANNANDALE, VA 22003 | 703-280-4400 | [STAMBROSEVA.ORG](http://STAMBROSEVA.ORG)



### Welcome!

Whether you are a parishioner, a visitor, seeking a parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, or interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, we welcome you to St. Ambrose and invite you to become a member of our growing parish family.

#### PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Friday | 9 am - 4 pm  
3901 Woodburn Road | Annandale, VA 22030  
703-280-4400 | [stambroseva.org](mailto:stambroseva.org)  
email: [dvasilakos@stambroseva.org](mailto:dvasilakos@stambroseva.org)

#### CLERGY

**Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., Pastor**  
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[frnugent@stambroseva.org](mailto:frnugent@stambroseva.org)

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[tonyapia50@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyapia50@yahoo.com)

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[tdevlin@stambroseva.org](mailto:tdevlin@stambroseva.org)

#### STAFF

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**Claire Jackson, Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry**  
703-280-1122 | [cjackson@stambroseva.org](mailto:cjackson@stambroseva.org)

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703-280-4400 | [jlaird@stambroseva.org](mailto:jlaird@stambroseva.org)

**Alfonso Dominguez, Plant & Facilities Manager**  
703-280-4400 | [facilities@stambroseva.org](mailto:facilities@stambroseva.org)

#### BULLETIN NOTICES

Please email your announcement request to Donna Vasilakos.  
Bulletin deadline is **14 days before publication**.

#### ISSUES AFFECTING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Diocese of Arlington website provides a resource page with information about recent events affecting the Church. Child protection policies and responses to the crisis, from Bishop Burbidge and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, are available at [arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection](http://arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection)



O Lord, who hast mercy upon all,  
take away from me my sins,  
and mercifully kindle in me  
the fire of thy Holy Spirit.  
Take away from me the heart of stone,  
and give me a heart of flesh,  
a heart to love and adore Thee,  
a heart to delight in Thee,  
to follow and enjoy Thee,  
for Christ's sake, Amen.

*Prayer of St. Ambrose*

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Baptism:** First-time, expectant parents must attend an instruction prior to the Sacrament of Baptism. Call the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements. Baptisms are normally celebrated on Sundays following the Noon Mass.

**Matrimony:** Registered parishioners who wish to be married at St. Ambrose, or to be prepared for marriage in another parish, must, by Diocesan policy, begin the required preparation at least six months prior to the proposed date for their marriage. Contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

**Returning to the Church:** If you are Catholic and returning to the Sacraments, or to the practice of the faith, we welcome you back! If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact a priest at the Parish Office or after Sunday Mass. We're happy to help you come back home to the Catholic Church.

**Initiation of Adults and Children: The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)** is the process through which a person becomes initiated into the full sacramental life of the Catholic Church through weekly instruction. If you or someone you know would like to inquire about the life of Jesus Christ and the beliefs and teachings of His Church, please call Claire Jackson, Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry, 703-280-1122.

**Sick Calls:** Contact the Parish Office to schedule visits to the sick and/or homebound for the Sacraments of Penance, the Eucharist & the Anointing of the Sick.

**Parish Membership:** Parish Membership is necessary for Baptism, Matrimony, or Sacramental Sponsor Forms. In order for a Sponsor Form to be issued, one must be a registered/participating member of the Parish for at least three months. Please notify the Parish Office of any changes on your registration form, telephone number, address, temporary absence, etc. Forms are available in the Parish Office and at [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org)

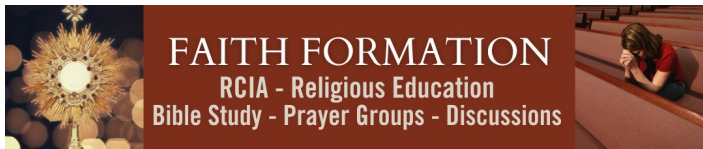
#### FAITH DIRECT

Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit [membership.faithdirect.net/VA401](http://membership.faithdirect.net/VA401) or click Donate tab on [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org)

## PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org) + click on Ministries tab for details and contacts

|                          |                             |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Adult Choir              | Altar Servers               | Altar Society         |
| Bereavement Group        | Bible Prayer Group          | Christ House Meals    |
| Eucharistic Adoration    | Gabriel Project             | Garden & Grounds Club |
| Intercessory Prayer Tree | Knights of Columbus         | Knitting Group        |
| Lectors                  | Religious Education         | Rosary Makers         |
| St. Ambrose for Life     | St. Ambrose Samaritan Group | Ushers                |
| Vocations Committee      | Women of St. Ambrose        | Young Adults Group    |
| Youth Choir              | Youth Ministry              |                       |



## FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Religious Education  
Bible Study - Prayer Groups - Discussions

See details for each program at [stambroseva.org](http://stambroseva.org)

### THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

[stambroseva.org/RCIA](http://stambroseva.org/RCIA)

September - May | Mondays | 7-8 pm | Parish Hall

RCIA is the Church's process for people over the age of seven who want to become Catholic and are

- unbaptized or baptized in another Christian tradition
- Baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

[stambroseva.org/RE](http://stambroseva.org/RE)

Grades K-7 | Sundays | 8:45-9:45 am | School

Grade 8 | Mondays | 7-8 pm | Parish Hall

Classes for public /non-Catholic school students. Instruction includes required preparation for First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation.

### JESUS, MARY & A CUP OF JOE

[stambroseva.org/JMJ](http://stambroseva.org/JMJ)

September - May | Sundays | 8:45-9:45 am | Parish Library

Learn more about the faith. Enjoy fellowship, coffee and conversation.  
All adults welcome!

### APOLOGETICS DISCUSSION GROUP

[stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](http://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)

Third Tuesday of the Month | 7:30 - 9pm | Parish Hall

Grow in your knowledge & ability to evangelize & defend our Catholic faith.  
Facilitator: Lee Cena

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

[stambroseva.org/BibleStudy](http://stambroseva.org/BibleStudy)

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

- September - May | Wednesdays | 10 am-Noon | Parish Hall
- Facilitators: Ron + Mary DeSantis, Chrissy Rabayda

### BIBLE PRAYER GROUP

[stambroseva.org/faith-formation/bible-prayer-group](http://stambroseva.org/faith-formation/bible-prayer-group)

Fridays | 9:30-11 am | Parish Library

Adults read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel.

### WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

[stambroseva.org/WSA](http://stambroseva.org/WSA)

Sundays | 6 pm | Parish Library

Take time for God! Open to all women of the parish.

Claire Jackson

Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry | 703-280-1122

## YOUTH MINISTRY



### GOD SQUAD

[stambroseva.org/GodSquad](http://stambroseva.org/GodSquad)

September-May | Sundays | 6-8 pm | School Gym

Open to everyone in Grades 9-12

Stay tuned for our 2024 events!

Bring a friend! See you there!

### Stewardship Reflection

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers,  
you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us.

We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

### Advent Days of Recollection for Discerners

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out and enjoy some quiet prayer time this Advent. Men's Day of Recollection is Saturday, December 16, with diocesan seminarians and priests; the Women's Day of Recollection is Sunday, December 17 with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. These events are for those 18-35 years old interested in deepening their prayer life and exploring their vocation. Deadline to register is Monday, December 11. For more information and to register contact the Office of Vocations, 703-841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

## YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

[STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS](http://STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS)



Young Adults Women's Group meets weekly on Tuesday nights from 7:30-9 pm. Come for community and time to discuss how God is working in our lives. All single, engaged, or married women ages 21-35 are welcome! Please contact [youngadults@stambroseva.org](mailto:youngadults@stambroseva.org) for more information. Join us!

### Diocesan Pilgrimage | National Eucharistic Congress

Indianapolis | July 17-21, 2024 | [bit.ly/nec2024](https://bit.ly/nec2024)



We are inviting you to participate in this pivotal moment in the Church! Join our diocese at the National Eucharistic Congress and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Scan the QR Code at the right for more information.



[Learn More](#)

INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT  
INTO YOUR LIFE



## MASS INTENTIONS

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>November 27: Weekday</b>   |
| 7:00 a.m.        | Rene Jarquin  |
| 9:00 a.m.        | Pete & Judy Regnier †   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>November 28: Weekday</b>   |
| 7:00 a.m.        | Laura Sutherland †  |
| 9:00 a.m.        | Catherine Pezella †   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>November 29: Weekday</b>   |
| 7:00 a.m.        | Mr. & Mrs. James Quinn  |
| 9:00 a.m.        | Alice McIntyre  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>November 30: St. Andrew, Apostle</b>                                     |
| 7:00 a.m.        | Helmenegilde †  |
| 9:00 a.m.        | John R. McIntyre, Jr. †   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>December 1: Weekday - First Friday</b>                                   |
| 7:00 a.m.        | Rosemary Flynn  |
| 9:00 a.m.        | For victims of abuse, for Healing of the Church, and for Holiness of Clergy |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>December 2: Weekday: BVM</b>   |
| 9:00 a.m.        | Kevin McIntyre †  |
| 5:00 p.m.        | Laura Sutherland †  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>December 3: First Sunday of Advent</b>                                   |
| 8:00 a.m.        | James Joseph Lewis †  |
| 10:00 a.m.       | People of the Parish  |
| 12:00 noon       | Bob Murray †  |
| 5:00 p.m.        | Daniel M. Foley †   |

### First Friday Adoration | December 1

9:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. (Benediction)

During the week before Adoration, sign up in the binder in the Church Narthex or call the Parish Office, 703-280-4400

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### For the Sick

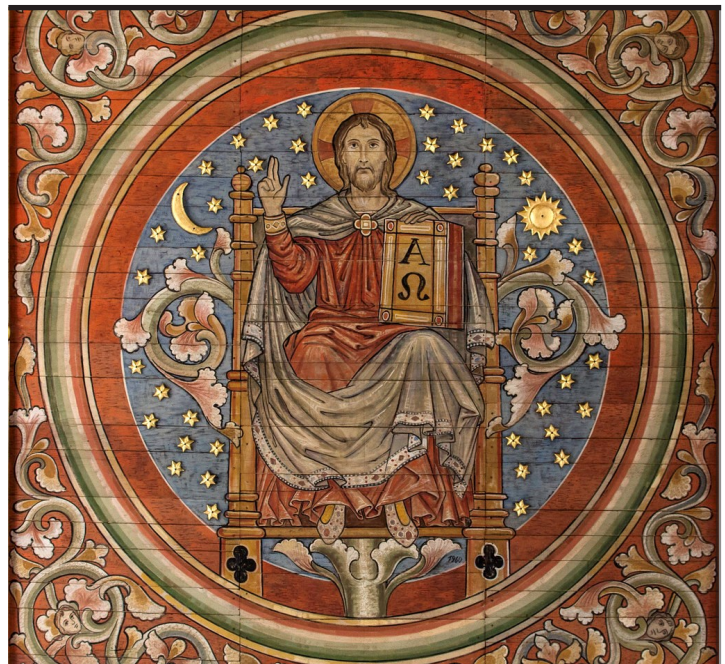
Irene Anderson, Katie Bader, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley,  
Kathy d'Alelio, Conor Doyle, Bill Foster, Therese Fruet,  
Marianne Haley, Amy Hobbs, Kathleen Johnson, Robert Koldys,  
Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lou Osborn,  
Liz Post, Marcelina Respuesto, Lisa Rhoads, Lewis Rhodes,  
Diane Rispoli, Jean Reed Saylor, Joseph Schechtel, Fr. Spsychala,  
Jim Smith, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Donella Wright, Lilian Yetman

### For Our Diocesan Priests

Nov 27 Rev. John A. Ziegler  
Nov 28 Rev. Matthew H. Zuberbueler  
Nov 29 Rev. William M. Aitcheson (Ret.)  
Nov 30 CH (COL) Eric J. Albertson  
Dec 1 Rev. Ramon A. Baez  
Dec 2 Very Rev. James S. Barkett, VF  
Dec 3 Rev. Nicolas R. Barnes



For the repose of the soul of  
**James Alan Kenna**



### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

Ceiling detail, St. Michael's Church, Hildesheim, Germany.

Flickr image: Lawrence Lew, O.P.

### Prayer to Christ the King

Lord, Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King,  
the beginning and end of all things,  
you have made your Church to be a people  
that bears witness to the goodness and beauty  
of your kingdom. By your Holy Spirit,  
you have united us as one body,  
called to live as one family of God.

Fill our hearts with your grace,  
that we would be close to you by being close  
to the vulnerable and marginalized.

Give us the patience  
to share one another's burdens,  
and give us the courage  
to always be friends of the truth.  
May we remain with you always.

Amen.

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

*"I was hungry and you gave me to eat,  
I was thirsty and you gave me to drink."*

Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others  
as a sister, brother, deacon or priest?

Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director  
703-841-2514 or email [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).



**ANTICIPATING CHRIST  
WITH OUR LADY & THE SAINTS  
LADIES ADVENT RETREAT**

Saturday | December 2 | 10am | Parish Hall  
Rev. Francis Peffley, Presenter  
RSVP | [bit.ly/wsaadvent2023](https://bit.ly/wsaadvent2023)  
[stambroseva.org/WSA](https://stambroseva.org/WSA)



**DONUT SUNDAY!**

DECEMBER 3  
AFTER 8 + 10 AM MASSES  
PARISH HALL

Hosted by  
St. Ambrose Adult Choir



**Opening of the Golden Jubilee Celebration**

Please join us on today, November 26, 5 pm, the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, at Saint Michael Catholic Church, 7401 St. Michael's Lane, Annandale, for the opening of the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Diocese of Arlington. There will be Solemn Vespers with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will be the celebrant and homilist. A reception will follow in the school gym.



**ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

"CHRIST IS EVERYTHING TO US" - ST. AMBROSE

**NEWS & NOTES**

Saint Ambrose School offers open enrollment and availability throughout the school year for all grades. Please visit [stambroseschool.org](https://stambroseschool.org) or call the St. Ambrose School Office, 703-698-7171.

Dear St. Ambrose Community,

The school will be closed Monday, November 27, for a Diocesan Professional Development day. On Thursday, November 30, our 8th grade students will take the High School Placement Test; this mandatory test is required by all Diocesan schools for admission.

St. Ambrose Preschool has some openings in our 3 year old half-day program. Please contact Marybeth Cuccias with any questions or to arrange a tour: [mcuccias@stambroseschool.org](mailto:mcuccias@stambroseschool.org).

Yours in Christ,

Maria Teresa Tejada, Principal | [principal@stambroseschool.org](mailto:principal@stambroseschool.org)

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**THREE KINGS GIFT SHOP NEWS**

*Be a star - support the Three Kings Gift Shop!*

The St. Ambrose School PTO elves are preparing for your Three Kings Gift Shop donations! You can see what we need for this annual event at [bit.ly/3KingsShop](https://bit.ly/3KingsShop).

And - you won't have to traverse afar! Bring your donations to the School or Parish Hall Lobby November 20 - December 1. Thank you!



*For Parishioners! We will be still proceeding in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, December 6, 8:30am - Noon, with the Three Kings Klearance Sale!*



**MEN'S ADVENT RETREAT**

DECEMBER 16 | 9 AM  
hosted by the knights of columbus



**Help transform the lives of the poor and vulnerable** by donating your used car, truck, motorcycle, RV, or boat, to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Your donation is tax deductible while supporting a cause that is near and dear to your heart. Catholic Charities will arrange for the pickup of your vehicle donation at no cost to you. Please call 877-570-GIVE (4483) or visit [ccda.careasy.org/home](https://ccda.careasy.org/home) to complete the online form. God bless you!





**Knights of  
Columbus®**

### ST. AMBROSE COUNCIL 8403

Business Meeting | 2nd Tuesday | 7:30 pm  
Social Meeting + Dinner | 4th Tuesday | 7 pm  
Parish Library  
[ambrosecouncil.org](http://ambrosecouncil.org) | [info@ambrosecouncil.org](mailto:info@ambrosecouncil.org)

### Knights of Columbus Events December 2023

#### Parish Spaghetti Dinner

**Saturday | December 2 | 6 pm | School Gym**

Celebrate the Feast of St. Ambrose, our Parish Patron! All-U-Can-Eat spaghetti, famous sauce (meat or veg), salad, garlic bread, beverages & dessert. Complimentary wine & beer for adults (ID required).

##### Tickets

- Pre-Sale: Child: \$10, Adult: \$18, Family: \$45
- Day of: Child: \$12, Adult: \$20, Family: \$50
- Pre-Sale Online at [ambrosecouncil.org/dinner](http://ambrosecouncil.org/dinner) or after weekend Masses on November 25 and 26.



#### Bee Ready for a Feast Day Sweet Deal! One Night Only!

The Knights will be selling local honey at the Spaghetti Dinner. Supplies are limited - bee sure to buy yours!

#### SAINT AMBROSE CHRISTMAS HONEY

8 oz. jar | \$10 | Cash or Check Only

#### Christmas Card Sales

After Weekend Masses

**December 2 & 3 | December 9 & 10**

Spread good news of great joy by sending religious cards – cards that express the meaning of the Season! The Knights offer a variety of affordable Christmas cards, with all proceeds donated to Christ House, Alexandria. Keep Christ in Christmas!

#### Pancake Breakfast with Santa

**Sunday | December 10 | After 8 & 10 am Masses  
School Gym**

All-U-Can-Eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit & beverages!

##### Tickets

- Pre-Sale: Child: \$6, Adult: \$8, Family: \$25
- Day of: Child: \$8, Adult: \$10, Family: \$30
- Children under 3 are free!
- Pre-Sale Online at [ambrosecouncil.org/pancake\\_breakfast](http://ambrosecouncil.org/pancake_breakfast) or after weekend Masses on November 25 & 26 and December 2 & 3.



#### Men's Advent Retreat

**Saturday | December 16 | 9 am | Church & Parish Hall**

Prepare the way of the Lord with Mass, prayer, reflection and fellowship. All men are welcome.

### PRO-LIFE CORNER

St. Ambrose for Life | [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life)

#### Next Diaper Drive December 2 + 3 at All Masses

St. Ambrose Parish helps The MaRiH Center by providing diapers, formula and wipes to moms & their babies. Collected at all Masses on the first weekend of each month, the most urgently needed items are: diapers (all sizes); wipes; formula (especially Similac Advance); and diaper rash ointment. To donate other critical items, please visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) or contact The MaRiH Center, 703-370-4774, [marih.org](mailto:marih.org).



#### Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm

#### Help + Hope + Healing

visit [stambroseva.org/pro-life](http://stambroseva.org/pro-life) for more resources

##### Gabriel Project

[helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://helpforpregnantwomen.org)

703-841-3810

[info@h4pw.org](mailto:info@h4pw.org)

##### Diocese of Arlington

**Catholic Charities**

703-841-3830

[www.ccca.net](http://www.ccca.net)

##### Project Rachel

[helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org)

703-841-2504

[info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org)

#### 2023 Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

You are invited to join Bishop Burbidge in a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, offered for the intentions of couples struggling with infertility, miscarriage or early infant death. The Novena starts on Monday, December 4 and concludes on Tuesday, December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A private Mass will be offered by Bishop Michael Burbidge for this intention during the Novena. To receive the Novena and submit your intentions, visit [OurFruitfulLove.com/Novena](http://OurFruitfulLove.com/Novena).



#### Mass & Rosary in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life

Join Bishop Burbidge for Holy Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life on Saturday, December 9 at 8 am., St. Philip Catholic Church, Falls Church. Mass will be followed by a rosary at the abortion facility at 900 S. Washington St., Falls Church.



#### HumbleBee Highlights

<https://stambroseva.org/humble-bee>



In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

#### FAMILY DISCUSSION

The Church calls the actions that Jesus described in today's Gospel the "Corporal Works of Mercy." In this way, we show God's compassion and mercy to those in need. As a family, review the Corporal Works of Mercy. They are: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, bury the dead, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned, give alms to the poor. Choose one that your family will work on this week. Pray together that your family will see and serve Jesus in the least among us.

See The Bee for more faith + fun!