

NOVEMBER 2008 – SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS
Courtesy of your Family Life Department

For November 1 & 2, 2008

A Family Perspective

"Come to me, all who are burdened, I will give you rest." Our loved ones, who have stepped through the door of death, are now at rest, free of all burdens. In going home to the Lord they brought their love and concern for us with them. Death cannot totally separate families; our love binds us together forever.

For November 8 & 9, 2008

A Family

Perspective In today's gospel Jesus is clear: our homes are meant to be "my Father's House" where everyone grows in love under the protection of commitment and forgiveness and not a "marketplace" where we store our "trophies" of consumer spending.

For November 15 & 16, 2008

A Family Perspective

Like the servants in today's gospel, God has given us special assets and expects us to totally invest ourselves in them. Laziness or being too busy is not tolerated. Family was freely given to us and is our most precious asset. Invest yourself!

For November 22 & 23, 2008

A Family Perspective

Families feed the hungry, give drinks to thirsty toddlers and welcome strangers and even stranger relatives into our homes. We clothe children and visit family members who are sick and imprisoned. The routine actions of family life are religious and priestly for we make Christ present in what we do. Families live the Beatitudes.

For November 29 & 30, 2008

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel warns about routines and specifically mentions eating and drinking, raising a family, working and preparing meals. **STAY AWAKE** because routines can numb you to God breaking into your daily life, calling you to higher ground, "when you least expect."

Intercessory Prayer

For November 1 & 2, 2008

For families who grieve the loss of a loved one, especially parents who have lost a child through violence. May they find comfort from this community and from God's promise that "everyone who believes in You will not perish but have eternal life."
We pray to the Lord ...

For November 8 & 9, 2008

Lord, guide families to grow in humility, generosity and gratitude. May they mirror the heart of Jesus in their service to one another and beyond.
We pray to the Lord ...

November 15 & 16, 2008

For parents who feel inadequate and frustrated. May they find support and direction in God's promise to always be with them as they raise their children according to Christian values.
We pray to the Lord ...

For November 22 & 23, 2008

We pray for parents, grandparents and all who nurture the lives of children. May they have the strength to be models of Christian living so children will have clear examples of Gospel values to follow.
We pray to the Lord ...

For November 29 & 30, 2008

God of all: Throughout human history you have showed yourself over and over. During this Advent season, help us to be aware of your loving presence in our daily lives, especially in our families.
We pray to the Lord ...