

**THE
Lamb
OF
GOD**

John 1:36

Our Lady of Lourdes

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time • January 15, 2006

Our Lady of Lourdes

455 Hunter Avenue
West Islip, New York 11795

Pastoral Team

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano

Pastor

Rev. Stanislaus Chukwube

Associate Pastor

Rev. Nestor Watin

Associate Pastor

Welcome to our Parish Family! New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our parish family. Please call or visit the Parish Office.

Mission Statement

As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place. Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.

Vision...

so that all may know that they are a vital part of the Body of Christ, we further recommit and challenge ourselves to:

- **Live** out our Baptismal call passionately by caring for all of God's people with justice.
- **Grow** in an understanding of God's role in each of our lives.
- **Respond** to the Gospel in a radical way, inviting and inspiring all to form the Kingdom of God in every moment of life.
- **Acknowledge** we are not complete without the willingness to grow, discern and discover the Spirit who moves and guides us.

Rev. Robert Scheckenback

In Residence

Deacon Stephen M. Behar

Deacon John DeGuardi

Deacon Jules O. A. Gagnon

Parish Outreach

Deacon Jack Meehan

Coordinator of Stewardship

Deacon John Teufel

Sr. Margaret Bickar

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Sr. Nancy Campkin

Director of Religious Education

Regina Ann Cioffi

School Principal

Jennifer Gallagher

Director of Youth Services

Carol M. Goetz

Parish Music Director

Sr. Diane Liona

Director of Religious Education

Vita Scorcio

Ministry Spiritual Director

John Sureau

Coordinator of Worship

Sr. Betty Toohig

Senior Ministry-SAGE

Anthony Trombino

Business Manager

Pastoral Council

Michael Abbruscato

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Jane Desthers

Stephen Frodell

Anne Kerrigan

Maria Lucie (*co-chair*)

Mary McMahan

Doreen Spiller

Mary Steck

John Sureau

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Marie Yuliano (*co-chair*)

Parish Staff

Barbara Catuosco

Religious Education Office

Mary Anne Lettieri

Parish Office

Debbie Meyer

Bulletin /Parish Office

Rosemary Multer

School Office

Rex Muro

Organist

Rita Spera

Religious Education Office



Our Jubilee Year 2005-2006

Remembering Our History

Remembering the past 50 years Parish History Project

We will examine the history of the first 50 years of OLL with a special publication, video and workshop series.

Upcoming Event

Readers Theatre

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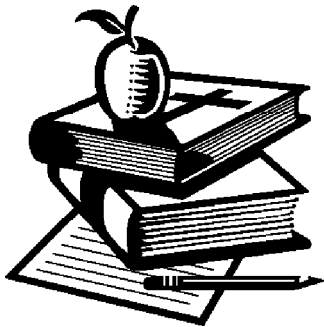
Empowering Our Minds and Spirit

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

As part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration, we will be making a pilgrimage to Lourdes, travel dates **April 17-25, 2006**. Final date to make reservations is January 15, 2006. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center**. Come and meet Mary Borgs, a fellow parishioner, as she shares her experiences at Lourdes. Mary made the pilgrimage with Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners in 1999. It should be a fun and informative evening!

School News



Ways to Support Catholic Education

Catholic Schools are an important part of the educational mission here at OLL and throughout the diocese. Here are some opportunities for all of us to support Catholic Education.

January 21 / 22

On this weekend our annual collection for the support of Our Lady of Lourdes School will be taken. Your generosity in this collection goes directly to the support of our catholic school. See the OLL School page in this bulletin to learn more about the wonderful programs being offered in our catholic school.

Special Gifts — Classroom Angels

For a gift of \$1000 from a person or group you can become a classroom angel for a whole year. Your name or a memorial inscription will be placed over the door of one of our classrooms as a reminder of your generous gift.

School Scrip

Is sold throughout the year on Sunday mornings and also on school days in the school. Purchasing Scrip as gifts or for your own day to day purchases costs you nothing and benefits special programs in Our Lady of Lourdes School.

January 28 / 29

The Diocesan Education Collection will be taken up. This collection supports the work of catholic education throughout our diocese and one half this collection will be returned to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Please be as generous as you can. Remember that our children are our future!

A Catholic Education builds
character, compassion and values

Our Lady of Lourdes School

A school to believe in, a place to call home
Let us show you why we are special

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll



Visit our Open House

Sunday January 22, 2006

10:30 AM-12:00 PM



44 Toomey Road

West Islip, NY 11795

631-587-7200

Mrs. Regina Cioffi – Principal
or visit us at www.ollschool.org



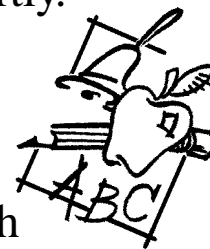
Registration for September 2006 to begin shortly.

Nursery through 8th Grade
with full-day kindergarten

Excellence in Academics - Spiritual Growth

Middle School Sports Programs - Drama, Dance, Music

Multi student discount and so much more!



Becoming Married: The Journey to Intimacy

future classes in the series...

Parenting...

how do we parent through the stages of our children's lives

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

presented by Joe Tomaselli

Beginning Again...

healing and freedom through the annulment process

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

presented by Fr. Mike Vetrano

Our Catholic Faith Through Literature

future classes in the series...

The Prodigal Son Tuesdays, March 7, 14 and 21, 2006

presented by Tom Petriano

Vino and DaVinci Wednesday, May 3, 2006

presented by Margaret Mannino

Healthcare Issues in the 21st Century

future classes in the series...

Catholic Thinking on Issues of Life and Death

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

with Father Mike

Living Wills, Health Care Proxies, Patient Rights

Tuesdays, March 28 and April 4, 2006

with Marty and Anne Kerrigan

Pre-Registration is necessary and helpful. This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. Please call the Religious Education Office, Monday-Friday, 9AM – 5PM and 7PM – 9PM, 661-5440 or e-mail to religioused@ollchurch.org.

Fee: \$5 per presentation or \$15 for the series (5 presentations). No fee is required for those who have paid the Religious Education Family Fee or Our Lady of Lourdes School Tuition. Fees may vary appropriately.

Becoming Married: The Journey to Intimacy

third in the series...

Communication

...talking and listening secrets that lead to intimacy

Wednesday, January 18, 2006

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center

presented by Pat Leonard, Instructor at Pastoral Formation Institute - Diocese of Rockville Centre; Adjunct Professor at St. Joseph's College and St. John's University

Communication... You Said What? Men and women speak differently. Women and men listen differently. Men and women are different. Has this been your experience? Together we will — explore the reality of these differences; — learn skills and techniques that will enable us to communicate more effectively; and— gain insight that will foster a deeper appreciation that these differences can be the way to deep joy.

“Praying from the Soul: The Way of Spiritual Journaling”

Have you ever wondered what God's will is for you?

Thursdays

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM in the Parish Center

January 12, 26, February 16 and March 2, 2006

presented by Pat Leonard, Instructor at Pastoral Formation Institute - Diocese of Rockville Centre; Adjunct Professor at St. Joseph's College and St. John's University

God is present to us through the people and events of our daily life. There is, very often, wisdom and insight that can be gleaned from things we say, things we dream, even from things that strike us when we read.

Journaling is a spiritual tool to record and reflect on the movement of Grace in our life. Through observing the unfolding of our journey, we can be more open to hearing and responding to God's desires for us.

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Daily Mass

8 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5 PM

Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
11 AM, 12:30 PM and 6 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Baptism

Nicole Frances DeCanio
Brian and Monica

Rest In Peace

John B. McHugh, Sr.
Joseph Prior
Louis Ruocco
Georgianna McNulty



Rosary/Novena

Rosary:

Daily after 8 AM Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena:

Monday after 8 AM Mass

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults(RCIA):

A process to be embraced by the Catholic Church.
For non-Catholics and for Catholics who have never received
formal religious education. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

Upcoming Marriages

Andrea Imbasciani and
Michael Corcoran, both OLL

Financial Summary

January 8, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$ 20,410.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ (590.00)

*The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain
and operate our parish buildings, ministries,
programs and salaries is \$21,000.*

Anointing of the Sick

Throughout the liturgical year.
If needed sooner, please
call the Parish Office.

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office
to schedule an appointment.

Marriage

Arranged at least six months
in advance, please contact
the Parish Office.

Remembering...

Monday, January 16

8:00 AM Connie Sasso Ragonese

Tuesday, January 17

St. Anthony, abbot

8:00 AM Bertha & Richard Gruber

Wednesday, January 18

8:00 AM Domenica Fedele

Thursday, January 19

8:00 AM Mary Sniadowski

Friday, January 20

St. Febian, pope, martyr

St. Sebastian, martyr

8:00 AM Tom Malcolm

Saturday, January 21

8:00 AM Frank Cairo, Horbert Stemkowski, Maureen A. Parson, Frederick J. Ansman, John Natale, Justin Dinkowitz, Filomena Curcio, Louis Ruocco, Edward Leslie, Robert W. Garretson, Sr. (2nd anniv.)

5:00 PM Henry Riedemann

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Sunday, January 22

8:00 AM Carmela Caso

Fr. Nestor Watin

9:30 AM Matilda Hatzoglou

Fr. Mike Vetrano

11:00 AM Vincent Carrano

Fr. Stan Chukwube

12:30 PM Vincent Laspina

Fr. Ed Dowling

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Salvatore Dellaria, In honor of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Janet Whitbeck, Charles Bible, Richard Going, Anthony Valentino, Matt Sowden, Albert T. Gehres, Nicholas Capozzi, Jr., Maurizio Massimo, Patsy Zaferes, Frank Elio, Jack & Antoinette Martinico, In Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart, St. Jude & Blessed Mother, Pasquale & Clara Strocchia

Fr. Bob Scheckenback

Altar Society

Angela MacDermott

Communion Calls

Communion brought to those who are homebound.
Contact the Parish Office.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 to leave the names of parishioners who:

- are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist
- are in Good Samaritan Hospital and would like to be visited by a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry.

Pray for Our Sick

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers ...

*Thomas Brennan, Jo Brogan, Christian Bullock, Michael Cacciatore,
Jerry Castonguay, Mary Derasmo, John Finch, Jason Fisher, Madeline Hopper,
Alexis Karniewich, Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Baby Olivia Nicole Martone,
Peter McCann, Sr., Arabella Elizabeth McCarthy, Peter Murray,
Nichole O'Connor, Kathy Pinto, Joe Radosti, Rose Serragano, Frances Torina,
Rosemary Van Acker, Loretta Vitale, Mary Walsh, Ruth Wilson*

Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: ReginaC@ollschoool.org

Religious Education

Office

661-5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email: ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org

Parish Office

661-3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: ParishOffice@ollchurch.org

fax: 661-7143

website: www.ollchurch.org

S.A.G.E.

661-3224

(Senior Advocates for Growth
and Enrichment)

email: Sage@ollchurch.org

Stewardship

Ways that you can support OLL now and throughout the year.

Memorials

Sacred Vessels and Vestment sets for the use of our priests here at OLL can be donated in memory of loved ones.

- Priest or Deacon Stole: \$300
- Priest Vestments for Mass: \$500
- Chalices for Eucharistic Ministry on Sunday: \$750
- Ciboria for Eucharistic Ministry on Sunday: \$750
- Priest Chalice for Daily Mass: \$1000

Be part of the Fr. Joe Lukaszewski Walk of Life

A gift of \$150 will purchase an engraved brick in the Fr. Joe Garden and support the many ministries and programs here at OLL.

Help Fund a Project

Improvements are needed to our Rectory Office space. To make a contribution to this project, please contact the Parish Office at 661.3224.

Do you have a skill we can use but it isn't listed here?

Call us... we will put you to work for God and our community.

SAGE

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, January 17** in the **Parish Center** at **9 AM**.

All older parishioners are welcome.

OLL Readers Theater

Our first rehearsal will be Thursday, January 19, at 8 PM in the Church.

Readers Theatre is a form of dramatic presentation in which short plays are presented with minimal sets and costumes. It's easy and fun! Our first Readers Theatre presentation will be in early February and will be for teens and adults. Readers Theatre for children will be held in March. If you are an adult or teen interested in becoming part of this new drama group at OLL, please email jengallagher@ollchurch.org, or come and join us at the first rehearsal!

Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group

The Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group meets each Thursday afternoon in the Church. The meeting is from 3 PM until 4 PM in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

OLL Alumni Event

Our Lady of Lourdes Alumni Association is in the process of planning an Alumni Ski Trip for February 4, 2006 to Windham Mountain in upstate New York. The ski trip is open to all alumni and their families. Cost for this day trip will be between \$118 - \$128 which includes ski rentals, transportation and lift ticket. We will leave from in front of Our Lady of Lourdes School. If you are interested, please contact Rich Maher at tipperar@aol.com

Restoring the Covenant

“We are asked to examine our lives and to reflect on how we are living the Gospel call to love and care for each other, and not to forget the least of these.”

New York’s Catholic Bishops in Restoring the Covenant

Living God’s Covenant with the Poor On Long Island: Stories of Hope and Support

Living God’s Covenant with the Poor in Catholic Charities Regina Residence: Choosing Life

by Richard Koubek

Administrator, Public Policy Education Network, Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities Regina Residence serves women, mainly between the ages of 13 to 21, who have become pregnant but do not want to abort their babies. All are single mothers, most of whom have been the victims of sexual abuse, domestic violence or drug and alcohol addiction. Almost all have parents with psychological problems who have neglected, abandoned or abused these now teenage mothers. Almost all have no high school diploma.

Consider an 18 year old we will name Linda from Levittown. Daughter of a severely depressed woman and an alcoholic, abusive father, her parents divorced when she was five. At 15, Linda’s mother moved to Florida, abandoning her to the care of the father who resumed his physical abuse.

Linda ran away, became pregnant and wound up – virtually orphaned – both she and her infant daughter now in the care of Regina Residence, supported by the Nassau Department of Social Services (NCDSS). While at Regina, Linda completed her high school education in January of 2002 and got a job paying \$10.00 an hour. But, at 18, with a full time job, Linda no longer qualified for public assistance. NCDSS closed her case. And, because funds are limited, she had to leave Regina Residence six months after completion of her high school education.

“We did all we could for Linda,” said Kathleen Ryan, Program Administrator of Regina Residence. “Now it’s the County’s turn to help her. Simple things, like allowing teenage mothers to attend college, are not done. I guess they think it will cost the taxpayers too much. They seemed more interested in closing her welfare case than helping her.”



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, January 17 at 9 AM.

Martin Luther King Day

Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack:

An Exploration on How Hidden Systemic Privileges Undermine Our Quest for Justice to be presented at Molloy College on Monday, January 16 from 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM. The cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch. For registration and information please call Ms. Fernandez at 516.678.5800, extension 631.

Parish Outreach

Outreach Office Hours

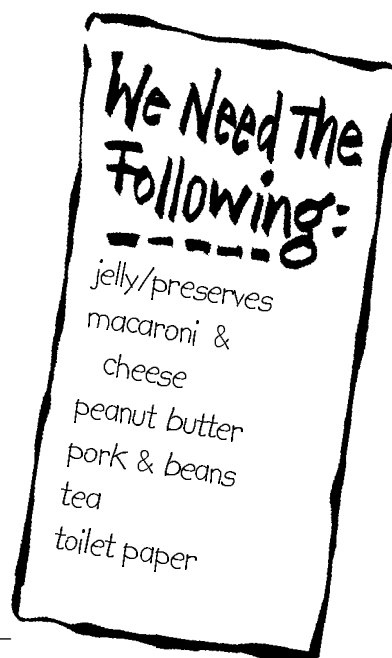
Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM.
For information/assistance call 661.9262.
Scrip is sold in Parish Outreach during office hours.

Home Care

If you need help at home—home companion or child care—please call Parish Outreach at 661.9262.

Our Lady of Lourdes Bereavement

Our parish support group for those who have lost a loved one—
If interested, please call the Parish Outreach Office at 661.9262.



OLL Thrift Shop

OLL Thrift Shop has closed. This Thrift Shop, founded primarily to collect clothes and items to give to the poor, has closed its door. The limited space and remoteness of the shop taxed the efforts of our volunteers. Despite this, our “Thrift Shop Angels” persevered and did a great job! We would like to take this opportunity and thank all who donated items over the years. We especially want to thank our “Thrift Shop Angels”: *Lucille Abbate, Marie Brigandi, Peggy Cornell, Mary DeVivo, Alberta Firth, Connie Foglia, Patty Heuwetter, Terry Lodespoto, Fran Owen, Dolores Tompko and Peggy Yezek.*



Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Three people were sitting on a beach, watching the sun set on the horizon. The first person saw a palette of colors and thought of beautiful artwork. The second saw the end of another day and felt tired. The third imagined that there could be nothing greater than God's love, a love that would allow them to see something as wondrous as a sunset. Three people, three different images.

As John the Baptist watched Jesus walk near them, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" John's imagery of a lamb presents different images to different people. The sweet innocence of a young lamb is one image, yet John was also recalling the daily sacrifice of two lambs in the temple. He knew that the lambs were offered as a sacrifice for their sins, but he also knew that Jesus Christ would sacrifice his life for all sin. In Revelations, we are also given the image of the lamb on a throne, worthy of glory and praise.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that sacred images in our homes and churches are intended to awaken and nourish our faith in the mystery of Christ. (CCC 1192) With the image of the lamb, each week we acknowledge in song that Jesus Christ takes away the sins of the world, and further we ask the Lamb of God to grant us peace.

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Readings for the Week of January 15, 2006

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/ 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/ Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/ Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/ Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/ Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/ Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/ Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/ 1 Cor 7:29-31/ Mk 1:14-20

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday and Tuesday at 8 PM and Saturday at 7 PM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.

ALANON

Each Wednesday at 10 AM in Lourdes Hall-convent lower level.

Members in the Military

We ask that you pray especially for those in our parish that are on active duty in the Middle East conflict.

They are:

- John Finn**-*US Army*
- Kenneth Gein**-*US Army*
- Paul McEvoy**-*US Army*
- William Morrow**-*US Marines*
- Peter Provenzano**-*US Army*
- Jonathan Rothwell**- *US Army*
- James Stultz**- *US Army*
- John Thompson**-*US Marines*

...and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our Parish Book of Intentions.

Our whole parish family rejoices with the Clark family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty. **Jerry Clark, Jr.**-*US Army* returned home just before Thanksgiving Day. We thank you Jerry for your generous service to our country.

In addition, our whole parish family rejoices with the Kelly family in gratitude for the safe return of their son from active duty. **Sr. Master Sergeant Ed Kelly** has also returned home. We thank you Ed for your generous service to our country.



The parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes would like to list those in the armed forces on active duty so that we can include them in our prayers. If you would like to include a family member on active duty to our prayer list, please fill out the following:

Name: _____

Branch of Service: _____

or email information to bulletin@ollchurch.org

The Long Island Catholic Sunday

Last Sunday was The Long Island Catholic Sunday, and we thank all the parishioners who contributed to help our parish cover the cost of sending the paper to our parishioners. If you missed the collection, it's not too late for you to contribute! If you didn't bring your envelope today, you can drop it at the parish office or mail it to us. The "cover price" of TLIC is just \$20-less than 40 cents a week for 52 issues delivered to your home. We in the parish use the money you donate to help pay our TLIC bills, so make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes. Not getting the paper? Print your name and complete address carefully on the back of the envelope when you enclose your contribution and note that it will be a new listing, or fir the parish office a call to be sure you're put on the TLIC list. You'll be glad you did!

Discipleship

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete;they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood or consecrated life? If you think God is calling you, contact the Vocations Office at 631.424.9888 or email to Vocations@drvc.org.

Holy Hour For Vocations

The Friends of the Seminary sponsor a monthly Holy Hour for the intention of an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Holy Hour, which is held on the third Friday of each month at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

The next Holy Hour will be Friday, January 20 at 8 PM. All are welcome. For further information please contact the Vocation Office at 631.424.9888 or you may email to Vocations@drvc.org.

Touching the Heart of Charity

A Retreat for Women

If you are a single woman between the ages of 21-50, this retreat is for you. Come join us for a time to pray, listen, reflect and share at Mount Manresa Retreat House, Staten Island on January 20-22, 2006. The cost is \$165. For further information, please call Sister Susan Dean, SC at 516.741.0718 or sdean2424@aol.com.

Religion & Rock

Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Fr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island. Next Sunday's theme is: "**Martin Luther King**". Don't forget to tune in! Visit "Religion & Rock" on the web, www.religionandrock.com. Also watch "Good News with Father Jim" on TELE CARE, channel 29, on Mondays and Fridays at 9:45 AM; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7:45 PM; Sundays at 8 PM.

Sharing the Gospel

Have you ever found something you thought you lost? Have you ever found something you thought was pretty special? Did you tell anyone, "Look what I found!" In today's Gospel reading, God's people had been waiting a long time for the Savior



to come. So when Andrew met Jesus, he went running to get his brother. "We have found the Messiah!" Wow, this was big news! "Look what I found!"

Prayer



Dear God,
help me to tell my family and friends that I found Jesus, and that I love him.

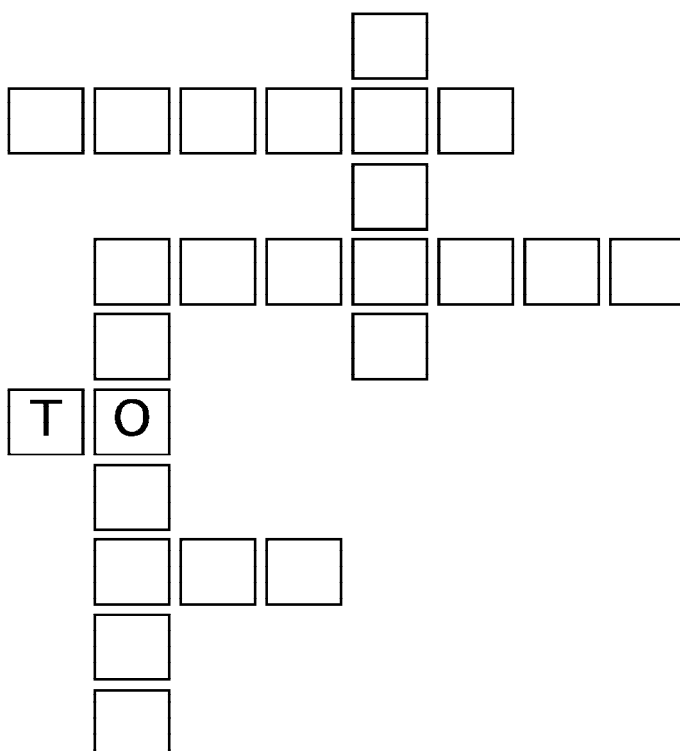
In Jesus' name, Amen.



Empty Squares

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Andrew brought his brother to Jesus.



Mission for the Week

Together as a family, think of people who don't know about Jesus. Pray for each one of them, and then invite them to come over for a meal.