

CGS FAMILY

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**To whom is Jesus
sending me?**

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HELLO, CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD FAMILY!

Welcome to our weekly CGS Guide that helps our parish families to grow in knowledge of the faith and deepen our relationship with Jesus as his disciples. As we encounter Jesus, we come to know him, love him, and serve him so that we can be reasonably happy in this life and happy with him forever in heaven.



Called to cooperate in the establishment of the Kingdom of God.

Thirty-five years ago, I heard the voice of Jesus who invited me to follow him, I responded to his calling with a "yes" and since then, I have been discovering what God is doing within me and in those around me.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear how God wants to spread his love, source of life, throughout humanity. For this, he invites people like you and me to collaborate in his mission. The apostles were not perfect men, with an impeccable moral life and an irreproachable religiosity, they were believers full of enthusiasm, but marked by their human limits. This mission can often seem like a humble and silent process, but that is where the transforming force truly lies. First, in each one of us; then, in our families and finally in all humanity in our times and of course in the the future. St John Paul II used to say that "The future of humanity passes by way of the family". (Familiaris Consortio n. 86).

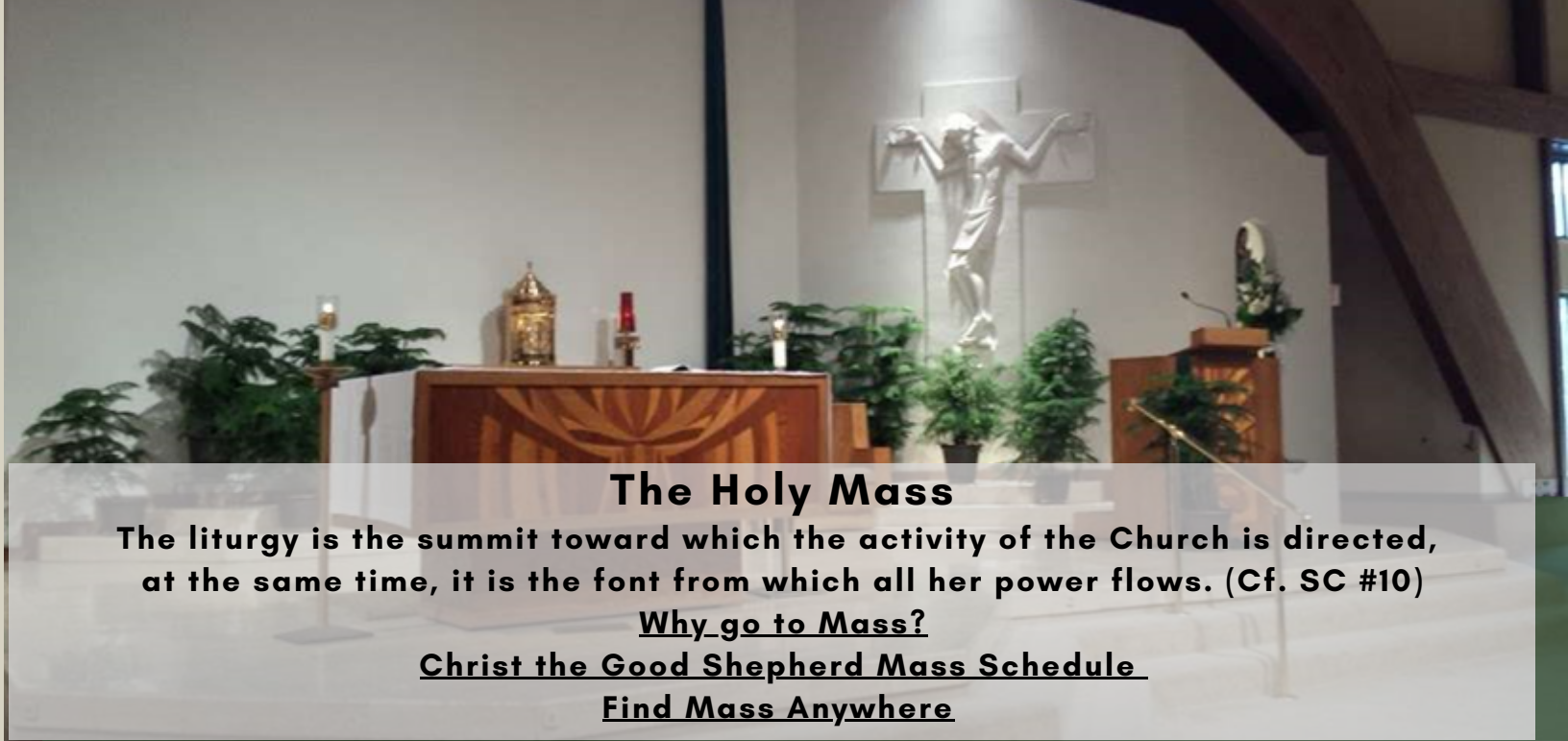
This process that God carries out, throughout history, always respects our freedom, because love, by its very nature, can never be imposed. Jesus' invitation is gentle and kind.

It is true that we are experiencing an existential and faith crisis in the different spheres of society, which resonate and make a dent in families, but it is also true that Jesus continues to call us to collaborate in his mission. Mother Teresa of Calcutta was once asked how we could change the world and she replied, "If you want to change the world, go home and love your family."

At Christ the Good Shepherd, we have given ourselves the task of responding to the call of Jesus and transforming our society and our Church, one family at a time. I'm sure Jesus is calling you too... I hope as the psalmist says, "That you may listen today to the voice of the Lord and not harden your heart."

Jose Juan Valdez

HOW HAVE YOU SEEN GOD PRESENT AND ACTIVE IN YOUR LIFE THIS WEEK?



The Holy Mass

The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed, at the same time, it is the font from which all her power flows. (Cf. SC #10)

Why go to Mass?

Christ the Good Shepherd Mass Schedule

Find Mass Anywhere

We come to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

readings and podcasts, Year A

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

First Reading: Exodus 19: 2-6

Psalm 100: 1-2, 3, 5

Second Reading: Romans 5: 6-11

Gospel: Matthew 9: 36 - 10: 8

A Message About Mass
to the Parents
of Young Children

Explore

Daily Reflections on FORMED
Reflecting on the Sunday Readings
Sunday Connection

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Come as you are. Bring your family. We need prayer.

See the schedule on our parish website.



WE LEARN & BECOME DISCIPLES TOGETHER

Getting
Started

Why are we
doing this?

How to manage
a group discussion.

All
underlined
text is
linked!
Just click!

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE



Question of the Week

To whom is Jesus sending me?

CONNECT with our GOD through Prayer

- Let's start with the The Sign of Cross.
- As we gather to share our faith, ask the Holy Spirit to be present. Use your own words or offer a Prayer to the Holy Spirit.
- As someone reads out loud the Gospel for this Sunday, listen to the Lord speaking to you.
- Listen to one other as everyone shares what in the Gospel caught their attention.
- Pray the Collect--opening prayer of Sunday Mass.

CONNECT with our daily LIVES

- What is the most important task, mission or assignment you have received in your life? Why is this important in your life?



CONNECT with Scripture and Tradition

Choose from among the following Scriptures and teachings
for reading, prayer, and discussion.

In the HOLY SCRIPTURE:

- Why does Jesus call us? [Mark 1:17](#)
- The Gospel has been entrusted to them – [John 13:20](#)
- The Apostle is an instrument of God – [Matthew 10:20](#)

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church

- A short God's Love is the Foundation of missionary outreach to everyone to enter into the Kingdom of God. #[3](#), [543-544](#), [849-856](#), [1501-1507](#)

WHAT IS THE CHURCH'S TEACHING?

POINTS OF UNDERSTANDING

Where they come from and ways to use them.



Discuss

1. In the light of today's gospel, how is the apostolic sense extended in our communities of faith? Give concrete examples.
2. Who are the people who have had the greatest influence in your life of faith?

Want more? Go Deeper!



St Jerome's Commentary on Matthew [9:36-10:8](#)

Reflection Question

- In what situations do I find myself in which I could be a worker of the harvest of Christ?



CONNECT with OTHERS...

Living the Gospel with commitment & action.

What is one thing you are willing to change in your life so that you can answer Jesus' call with joy and generosity and bring the good news to those in need?

Practical Activities



For the Individual

Imitating an Apostle of our times.

Read about a saint or "apostle" of our times and this week try to imitate some of that person's virtues.



For Couples

Thank you Card(s)

As a couple, share who you think has accompanied or helped you to live your call to marriage, be it with their example, with advice, a word of encouragement etc., and send them a thank you card.



For the Domestic Church

Relieving the suffering

Research the needs of a group of people who are suffering (refugees, prisoners, abused children, homeless, etc.) and find a way to help.



Missionary Mindset

Gently talk to a non-believer

Talk to a person who does not have a religious faith and gently ask if you can share why you believe and how this faith affects your lifestyle.

Closing Prayer



- We sign ourselves with the Sign of Cross.
- According to what we reflected on, or whatever is in my heart share a petition. At the end we all say: **Lord hear our prayer.**
- Then we can pray the Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory be...
- As we finish, let us share a sign of peace with each other.

"Let us pray that families grow closer together, and together, closer to God."

Fr. James

Prayer

Lord Jesus, we know that we are called to be apostles, workers of your harvest.

We have been blessed in many ways, but above all with the gift of faith.

Help us be aware of all those who suffer around us, those who are alone, with no support from their family or friends.

Give us your strength, Lord, to be your compassionate heart and be willing, so that we can fearlessly share our lives and our faith in you with those who need it most.

We ask this of you who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

AT THE END OF THE LESSON OR END OF THE WEEK

From what you have shared, how would you now answer the Question of the Week?

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WE ARE THE CHURCH

What Makes us Catholic?

The Apostles' Creed

Is a prayer, in the form of a profession of faith, contains twelve articles or fundamental doctrines. It is true that even in apostolic times, a profession of faith was required of persons before receiving baptism (Acts 8:36-37). Its name is not because it was written by the apostles, but it is called because it is a summary of Apostolic Teaching. its present form is an extension of a form used in apostolic times. This is evident from similarities found in its expression by very early writers such as Irenaeus and Clement.

The Catholic Encyclopedia



Word of the Week - Apostle

Literally from the Greek means "one sent." The Hebrew word - "Saliah" means "one who is entrusted to fulfill a task , acting in the name of the sender. In the Church the Apostles are the twelve men originally chosen by Christ to be the bearers of his teachings to the world. Thus an Apostle is one who gives witness to the Truth of Christ. His Resurrection and Ascension.

Faith Groups at CGS

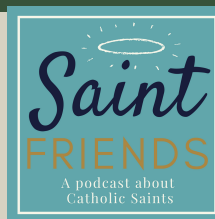


Join a small Faith Group
or start one of your own!

Ask us how.

Saints of the Month

by Jeremy Hearne



Podcast each Tuesday!

More for your Domestic Church

Find resources for your family, household, or small Faith Group, including how to use this Guide, and much more. Visit our website OR scan the QR code with your smart phone.



ADULT & FAMILY MINISTRY

Adulthood

Articles

Susan Windley-Daoust on *Gracewatch* // [Are You a Catholic Evangelist? You Should Be... Here's Why, and How to Start.](#)

Jim Graves on *National Catholic Register* // [7 Catholic Evangelists Share Tips on Spreading the Faith.](#)

Videos

Father Mike Schmitz on Ascension Presents // [Is Shyness Your Excuse? & How to Share the Gospel \(and How Not To\)](#)

Fr. Larry Richards on Anchored in Hope // [Being Guided by the Holy Spirit - Evangelization Tips for Catholics](#)

Cath Apps



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I Breviary



Laudate

Book Suggestions

Current Bible Studies

Young Adult Ministry

Ages 18-30

Monday Mornings & Wednesday Evenings
Other days, times and activities as
announced.



Family Ministry

Your household is where "church" begins. Your parish is here to help you with support, resources, small Faith Groups, and gathered activities on our campus throughout the year. Visit our website or contact us if you need help.

For more ideas on how to build your home as a Domestic Church, go to: www.domestic-church.com or visit *The Family Fully Alive*, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, or [Tools for Building a Domestic Church](#) by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Early Adolescence (Jr.High, Grades 6-8)

Question: Who is Jesus calling me to serve?

Ascension Presents // What So Different About These Christians -- video (6:43)

Ascension Presents // How to Share the Gospel -- video (6:59)

Life Teen // Do's and Dont's of Evangelization -- video (3:54)

Breaking in the Habit // Jesus is calling YOU to evangelize -- video (6:22)

Ascension Presents // Is Shyness Your Excuse -- video (8:12)

Characteristics of Adolescents & Parents Roles

Early Adolescence Adolescence



Adolescence (High School, Grades 9-12)

Question: Who is Jesus calling me to serve?

FOCUS Catholic (Fellowship of Catholic Students // 10 Tips for Evangelization

Ascension Presents // What So Different About These Christians -- video (6:43)

Ascension Presents // How to Share the Gospel -- video (6:59)

Life Teen // Do's and Dont's of Evangelization -- video (3:54)

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Youth Gather at CGS

Middle school and High school meet every Wednesday 7-8:30pm

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Birth to Age 2

The role of parents at this stage is to model the example of Jesus by offering God's unconditional love to their children and to others. Parents benefit from growing in their own faith so they are able to hand on the faith to the next generation.

New

[Nursery Pages](#)

[Gospel of the Week](#) and [Activity pages](#) to do with your Toddler and Pre-schooler

Characteristics of Children & Parents Roles

[Early Childhood](#)

[Childhood](#)



Early Childhood (Ages 3-5)

Question: Who can I tell about Jesus?

Lukas Storyteller // [Saint Luke](#) --Video (12:07)

Activity // [I can tell my friends about Jesus Coloring Page](#)



Join a Group of Parents with Young Children--or start one! Inquire at discipleship@cgssc.church.



FAITH PRACTICES



Childhood (Elementary, Grades 1-5)

Question: Who can I tell about Jesus?

Sophia Institute // [Ready to Use Lesson for Each Sunday](#)

Benjamin Cello // [Preach the Word I Episode 4](#) -- Video (23:38)

Activity // [I can tell my friends about Jesus Coloring Page](#)

Activity // [Word Search - 11th Sunday of Ordinary Times](#)



Strong Catholic Family Faith

A project of Strong Catholic Families, Strong Catholic Youth Initiative

Timely help for YOUR family!

GENERAL RESOURCES

The Holy Bible

Online Bible via the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

If you don't know much about the Bible or want to learn more: **Scripture Support**

Catholics use the **New American Bible Revised Edition** (NABRE) as the translation for Mass readings. There are many acceptable versions of NABRE as well as other approved translations. You may purchase from any vendor. Basic editions are available upon request at no charge. Pick one up at the parish office.



Recommended Print Bibles

These are all by St. Mary's Press: Order directly from the publisher or search online for other vendors.

Catholic Family Connections Bible
(digital version available)

Catholic Youth Bible (Adolescents & College)
"Breakthrough" (Early Adolescents // Jr. High)
Catholic Children's Bible

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

Online Catechism via the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

NEW! Simplified version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

If you don't know much about the Catechism or want to learn more: Catechism Support

Formed Online

Our parish subscribes to a library of online resources called **Formed**. It is excellent and free for you to use. Register at [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) - Just click "Sign Up as a Parishioner." Need help? Watch this video.

Counseling & Spiritual Direction

Our parish offers **Rejoice Counseling** for individuals and families for a variety of issues and needs. You may use this online form to contact them directly.

We also offer **Spiritual Direction** for anyone interested in a spiritual companion, discerning God's will in your life. Follow the links or inquire through the parish office.

Prayers and Praying

USCCB // Prayer for the New Evangelization



Prayer Requests



Common Prayers and Formulas to Learn by Heart

and a chart showing at what age level they should be learned.



How to create a prayer table or prayer area in your home.

GENERAL RESOURCES

Sacred Art to Inspire You

On this page: Peter Paul Rubens // The miracles of St. Francis Xavier.

Bernardo Strozzi // The Sermon of St. John the Baptist, 1644.



Using Sacred Art to Bring the Faith Alive Sophia Institute



Sacred Art on Formed

Parish subscription free for parishioners--register once, access all content.

[Formed.org](https://www.formed.org)

Music to Move You



Danny Gokey
Love God Love People

Sacramental Information



& Becoming Catholic!

Visit the sacraments section of our parish website to find everything you need to get started with any sacrament or to inquire about becoming Catholic. Information is being continually updated. Contact Deacon Stacy Millsap our parish office if you have a question. We are glad to help you!



Our Vision Statement

Building a community of love and hope by putting our faith into action.

This Guide is produced weekly by our [Office of Evangelization and Discipleship](#) for the family of Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Community.

"HELPING PEOPLE TO KNOW AND LOVE JESUS CHRIST."

How is this Guide working for you and your household?

We want to include your ideas. Share a resource, activity, or picture/video of what you are doing in your Domestic Church.

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