



**1st Reading:** [Is 53:10-11](#)  
**Responsorial:** [Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22](#)  
**2nd Reading:** [Heb 4:14-16](#)  
**Gospel:** [Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45](#)



## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time-

"In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honor when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honor they seek is not his to give.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community.

Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

### Family Activity:

As you gather as a family, invite family members to participate in a role play in which family roles are reversed. For example, you might assign children the role of parents putting their children to bed with parents acting like the children. Or you may have them role play parents asking for cooperation from children to clean up the family room. When the role play is finished, ask if it was an accurate picture of how this situation usually plays out in your household. Does everyone cooperate when asked? What happens when someone doesn't cooperate? How are the conflicts that emerge resolved? Observe that conflicts based on power struggles in situations such as these seem unavoidable in family life."

([LoyolaPress.com](http://LoyolaPress.com/)/ Sunday Connection)

## The Catholic Kitchen - Recipe of the Week

### St. Luke's Artist Palette Cookies

Have some family fun decorating these simple no-bake palette cookies while learning about St. Luke, Patron Saint of Artists. All you need is Oreo cookies, M&Ms, pretzel sticks, heart shaped sprinkles and white frosting. For directions visit

[catholiccuisine.blogspot.com](http://catholiccuisine.blogspot.com)



*St. Luke on Vocation: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.... (Luke 4:18) - St. Luke's Feast Day is Oct 18*



[YouTube - CatholicKidsMedia 29B](#)



### Where in the world...

**FLY** around the diocese to find the Traveling Icon and learn more about our diocese!

## [A GOOGLE EARTH ACTIVITY](#)

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## Word of the Week: **Synod**

The English word "synod" comes from two Greek words, **syn hodos**, which literally mean "a way together."

The Church of God in the world is embarking on a synod or journey in which will share a path or process along which the People of God all walk together, abiding in the presence of Jesus Christ and allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us.

The next several weeks, we will explore how **YOU** will be part of the synod as the first phase begins in the Diocese of Syracuse on October 17. Learn more at [syracusediocese.org](http://syracusediocese.org)

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## Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

[Teaching Catholic Kids](#) - St. Luke October 18 (Family Faith Builder)

[Youtube.com](#) - St. Luke Biography (Teens Faith Builder)

[creationjustice.org](http://creationjustice.org) - 52 Ways to Care for Creation (Family Faith Builder)

[catholicculture.org](http://catholicculture.org) - Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist (Adult Faith Builder)

[Catholic-link.org](http://Catholic-link.org) - How much do you know about the Eucharist - Trivia Quiz (All Ages Faith Builder)

[sadlier.com](http://sadlier.com) - FREE downloads Fun Fall Activities for Families that Celebrate God's Creation (Family Faith Builder)

