

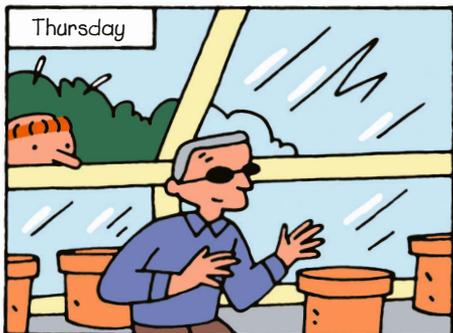
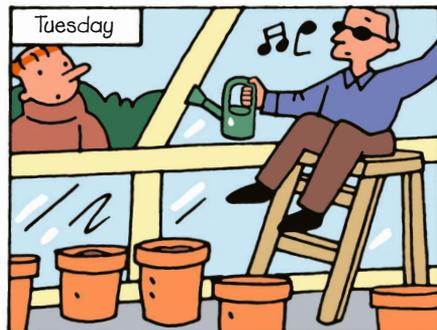
March 29, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Lent

MagnifiKid!®



“ Lazarus, come out! ”

brother Goodventure!



► Receiving forgiveness

This week, it is not too late for you to receive God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To prepare yourself, you can reread your [MagnifiKid!](#) from Sunday, March 1 (pages 14-15). If you have never received this sacrament before, ask your catechism teacher or parish Priest about it.

It's NEVER too late

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, it looked like he was too late. His friend Lazarus had died, and he had already been in the tomb for four days. Jesus was filled with sorrow and cried for his friend. But was it really too late? Jesus commanded them to take away the stone from the cave. He prayed to his Father, and then raised Lazarus from the dead! There are many times when things seem hopeless. We still face suffering and death in this world. The story of Lazarus shows us that Jesus' love is greater than any of our problems, stronger even than death! During Lent, we have been battling our sinfulness and renewing our trust in God's love. Today's Gospel strengthens our hope in eternal life. As Jesus raised Lazarus, he wants to raise us from our failures and sins, to give us a share in the victory of the cross. Lent isn't over yet! It's not too late for us to draw even closer to the Lord. With God, it's never too late.

Lisa Reno



► Being born to new life

Easter falls on April 12 this year. You might have already noticed some signs of new life around you since spring started.

Sunday, March 29th

Fifth Sunday of Lent

→ *When the Entrance Chant is concluded, the Priest says:*

🗨️ **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

→ *The people reply:*

🗨️ **Amen.**



Greeting

🗨️ **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,/ and the love of God,/ and the communion of the Holy Spirit/ be with you all.**

🗨️ **And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act

🗨️ **Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins,/ and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.**

🗨️ **I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done**

and in what I have failed to do,

→ *And, striking their breast, they say:*

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

→ *Then they continue:*

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints,

and you, my brothers and sisters,

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

🗨️ **May almighty God have mercy on us,/ forgive us our sins,/ and bring us to everlasting life.**

🗨️ **Amen.**

Kyrie, eleison

🗨️ **Lord, have mercy.**

🗨️ **Lord, have mercy.**

🗨️ **Christ, have mercy.**

🗨️ **Christ, have mercy.**

🗨️ **Lord, have mercy.**

🗨️ **Lord, have mercy.**

“I confess to almighty God”

These are the first words of a prayer we often say at the beginning of Mass to prepare ourselves to hear the Word of God and receive Holy Communion. This prayer is called the “confiteor” because that’s the first word of it in Latin. In this prayer, we recognize that we are sinners and ask others to pray for us.

→ *The Gloria is omitted during Lent.*

Collect

By your help, we beseech you,
 Lord our God,/ may we walk eagerly
 in that same charity/ with which,
 out of love for the world,/ your
 Son handed himself over to death./
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
 Son,/ who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,/ one
 God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD



A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

I will put my spirit in you that you may live.

Thus says the Lord God: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I

will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

(Ezekiel 37:12-14)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 130

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths (1) I cry to you,

O LORD;

LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to my voice in supplication (2). **R.**

If you, O LORD, mark (3)

iniquities (4),

LORD, who can stand (5)?

But with you is forgiveness,

that you may be revered (6). **R.**

I trust in the LORD;

my soul trusts in his word.

More than sentinels (7) wait

for the dawn,

let Israel wait for the LORD. **R.**

THE DIFFICULT WORDS

(1) **Depths** means a deeply sad place.

(2) **Supplication** means asking or praying.

(3) **To mark** means to keep track of.

(4) **Iniquities** are sins or wickedness.

(5) **To stand** means to stay strong.

(6) **Revered** means deeply respected.

(7) **Sentinels** are guards or night watchmen.

For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is **plenteous** (8)
redemption;
and he will **redeem** (9) Israel
from all their iniquities. **R.**



**A reading from
the Letter of Saint Paul
to the Romans**

*The Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the
dead dwells in you.*

Brothers and sisters: Those who are **in
the flesh** (10) cannot please God.
But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary,
you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God
dwells in you. Whoever does not have the
Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But
if Christ is in you, although the body is dead
because of sin, the spirit is alive because of
righteousness (11). If the Spirit of the
one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells
in you, the one who raised Christ from the
dead will give life to your mortal bodies also,
through his Spirit dwelling in you.

(Romans 8:8-11)

Q The word of the Lord.

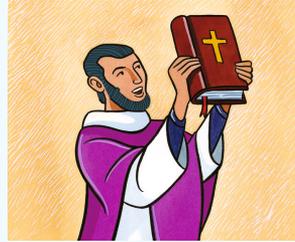
Q Thanks be to God.

Verse before the Gospel

**Q Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**

**Q I am the resurrection and the life,
says the Lord;/ whoever believes in
me, even if he dies, will never die.**

**Q Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**



Gospel

Q The Lord be with you.

Q And with your spirit.

**Q A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John.**

Q Glory to you, O Lord.



**A reading from the holy
Gospel according to John**

I am the resurrection and the life.

→ *The Priest can choose to read a longer form of this
text. Here is the shorter one.*

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus,
saying, "Master, the one you love is ill."
When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is
not to end in death, but is for the glory of God,
that the Son of God may be **glorified** (12)

THE DIFFICULT WORDS

(8) **Plenteous** means full and abundant.

(9) **To redeem** means to save.

(10) To be **in the flesh** means to be of
the mindset of the world, with no thought
of God or of heaven.

(11) **Righteousness** is being and doing
what is good and right.

(12) To be **glorified** is to be given honor,
praise, and splendor.

through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

He became **perturbed (13)** and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb.

It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with **burial bands (14)**, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

(John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45)

🗨️ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

🗨️ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

THE DIFFICULT WORDS

(13) Perturbed means deeply upset or troubled inside.

(14) Burial bands were cloths that were used in those days to wrap up the bodies of those who had died.

the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

→ *All bow until the words: "and became man."*
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to
the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

→ *If the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud:*

🗨 **Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,/ for through your goodness we have received/ the bread we offer you:/ fruit of the earth and work of human hands,/ it will become for us the bread of life.**

🗨 **Blessed be God for ever.**

🗨 **Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,/ for through your goodness we have received/ the wine we offer you:/ fruit of the vine and work of human hands,/ it will become our spiritual drink.**

🗨 **Blessed be God for ever.**

Kneeling during the Eucharistic Prayer

Our body posture can help to express the reverence and awe for the great miracle that takes place on the altar—the changing of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood

Invitation to Prayer

🗨️ **Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),/ that my sacrifice and yours/ may be acceptable to God,/ the almighty Father.**

🗨️ **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

🗨️ **Hear us, almighty God,/ and, having instilled in your servants/ the teachings of the Christian faith,/ graciously purify them/ by the working of this sacrifice./ Through Christ our Lord.**

🗨️ **Amen.**



Eucharistic Prayer

🗨️ **The Lord be with you.**

🗨️ **And with your spirit.**

🗨️ **Lift up your hearts.**

🗨️ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

🗨️ **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

🗨️ **It is right and just.**

Preface: Lazarus

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,/ always and everywhere to give you thanks,/ Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,/ through Christ our Lord./ For as true man he wept for Lazarus his friend/ and as eternal God raised him from the tomb,/ just as, taking pity on the human race,/ he leads us by sacred mysteries to new life./ Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty/ and rejoices in your presence for ever./ May our voices, we pray, join with theirs/ in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:

🗨️ **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

→ *The Priest has over ten different texts to choose from. During this prayer, he asks the Holy Spirit to transform the bread and wine so that they become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The Priest then says the words of Jesus:*

THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT

of Christ. Kneeling is also a sign of humble prayer in the presence of God.



“TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,/ FOR THIS IS MY BODY,/ WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.”

“TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,/ FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,/ THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,/ WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY/ FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS./ DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.”

→ After the Body and Blood of Christ are raised, we say or sing an acclamation. This is the most common one:

🗨 **The mystery of faith.**

🗨 **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

→ During the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer, we pray for the whole Church. At the end, the Priest says:

🗨 **Through him, and with him, and in him,/ O God, almighty Father,/ in the unity of the Holy Spirit,/ all glory and honor is yours,/ for ever and ever.**

🗨 **Amen.**

Communion Rite

🗨 **At the Savior’s command/ and formed by divine teaching,/ we dare to say:**

🗨 **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done**

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

🗨 **Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,/ graciously grant peace in our days,/ that, by the help of your mercy,/ we may be always free from sin/ and safe from all distress,/ as we await the blessed hope/ and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

🗨 **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

🗨 **Lord Jesus Christ,/ who said to your Apostles:/ Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,/ look not on our sins,/ but on the faith of your Church,/ and graciously grant her peace and unity/ in accordance with your will./ Who live and reign for ever and ever.**

🗨 **Amen.**

🗨 **The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

🗨 **And with your spirit.**

🗨 **Let us offer each other the sign of peace.**

→ Then the Priest takes the host, breaks it over

Your prayer after Communion

After receiving Holy Communion, you can say this prayer silently to yourself. If you have not yet received your First Communion, you can still say this prayer because of your desire to receive Jesus.

Father, through Jesus Christ, in union with the whole Church, I thank you for coming into my heart. It's never too late to receive your love and forgiveness.

the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice.
Meanwhile, the following is sung or said:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world,
grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

→ While holding up the consecrated host, the Priest says:

🗨 **Behold the Lamb of God,/ behold him who takes away the sins of the world./ Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.**

🗨 **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Prayer after Communion

🗨 **We pray, almighty God,/ that we may always be counted among the members of Christ,/ in whose Body and Blood we have communion./ Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

🗨 **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

Brief announcements

Prayer over the People and Final Blessing

🗨 **The Lord be with you.**

🗨 **And with your spirit.**

🗨 **Bless, O Lord, your people,/ who long for the gift of your mercy,/ and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire/ they may receive by your generous gift./ Through Christ our Lord.**

🗨 **Amen.**

🗨 **And may the blessing of almighty God,/ the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,/ come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

🗨 **Amen.**

Dismissal

→ In these or similar words the Priest or Deacon dismisses the people:

🗨 **Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.**

🗨 **Thanks be to God.**



It's never too late to thank you for your gifts. By the power of this Eucharist, help me to bring hope to those who suffer. Amen.

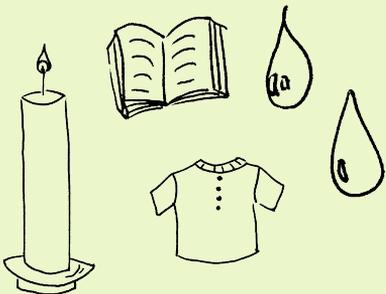
Now, listen attentively to the prayer that the Priest is going to say in the name of the entire congregation. It is your prayer, too. You can follow along in *MagnifiKid!* It is the Prayer after Communion.

Bringing It All Together

Today you will begin the last step in the rediscovery of your baptism. During the baptism ceremony, you wore a white garment. White is the color that symbolizes the presence of the risen Christ. A baptized person who is wearing white is a new person who has been reborn to life and who has become a child of God.



- Ask your parents if you can look in a photo album and choose a picture of yourself dressed in white on the day of your baptism. Glue it onto page 6 of your Lenten notebook. Above it, write this sentence: "I have been baptized and am on the path toward Easter."
- On page 7, write down a few sentences about the different things you would like to change in your life.
- On the cover of your Lenten notebook, in the sections of the lantern, draw the four steps that have helped you rediscover your baptism: the book of the Word of God, water, the Easter candle, and the white garment.



Make a reverent sign of the cross
and say this prayer to the Lord:

"Thank you, Lord, for this new life
that comes from you. I am happy
to be your child."



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us follow Christ, for he is the light of the world!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Lord, I want to live this day in love for you and for all. Let me bring hope to those in sorrow.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pray Morning Evening

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Thank you, Lord, for lighting our path throughout this day.

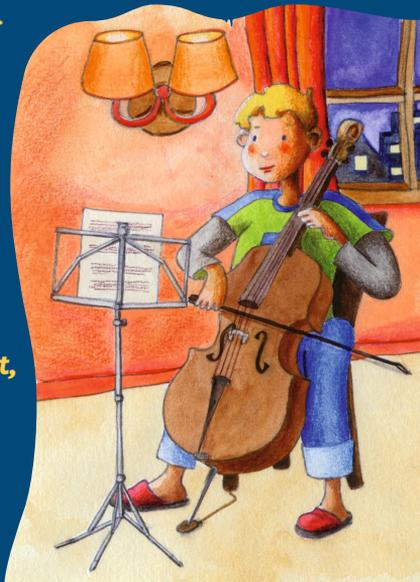
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Thank you, Lord, for all my friends. Forgive me for the times I have not been a loyal friend to you, or to..... Watch over us this night, and lead us all to heaven.

Our Father, who art in heaven...

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

If you want to, before falling asleep, you can also say the Hail Mary.





**Saint Patrick's
Feast Day
is March 17.**

▶ Saint Patrick

Patrick was born and raised in England. Around the year 400, at the age of sixteen, he was captured by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave. Patrick was forced to work there many years before he was able to escape. Once he got home, he had a dream: God asked him to return to Ireland to spread Christianity there! Even though the Irish had hurt him, Patrick became a Priest and returned to the Emerald Isle to teach them about Jesus and help them believe in him.

One day, the clan chief stood confused before Patrick. “You say that there is only one God, but you say that he is three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!” the chief said. “That’s silly! How can a single God be three Persons?” The clan chief was willing to become a Christian, but this God was truly mysterious! Patrick smiled and bent down to pick a shamrock, a plant that clothes the meadows of Ireland with green leaves. “Look at this shamrock,” he said to the clan chief. “It has three leaves. And yet, it’s the same plant with just one stem. Well, in the Trinity, there are three Persons, but it’s the same God. He is One.”

The clan chief smiled broadly. “I would like to be baptized, along with my family and clan,” he said. Patrick was happy. The Irish clans became Christian one after the other. When Patrick first arrived in Ireland, no one had ever even heard of Jesus Christ! Now, within just a few years, all of Ireland was Christian! This was no easy task!

When Patrick landed on the island, the Druids fought against him. Druids were the “priests” of an Irish religion based on the worship of nature. The Druids believed that everything in nature (trees, rocks, the sea, and thunder) were gods. The Druids were also skillful magicians, and they tried all their witchcraft against Patrick. They fought the Christian religion with all their might, but they lost the battle! What could Druids do against the one true God? Patrick never doubted that he would win. He always trusted in God.

Through Patrick, all of Ireland became Christian. Patrick brought peace to this troubled, war-torn land. He explained to the newly baptized that they could not be both Christians and violent at the same time. The Trinity is a God of love. Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. The shamrock is Ireland’s national emblem!



A PATRON SAINT BRINGS HIS OR HER PROTECTION TO DIFFERENT TYPES OF PEOPLE, PROFESSIONS, OR COUNTRIES. IN THIS LIST, JOIN EACH CATEGORY WITH ITS PATRON SAINT.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Saint Francis of Assisi - 1 | a. Ireland |
| Saint Thérèse of Lisieux - 2 | b. throat ailments |
| Saint Joseph - 3 | c. florists, missions |
| Saint Patrick - 4 | d. mothers |
| Saint Monica - 5 | e. workers, fathers |
| Saint Michael - 6 | f. lost causes |
| Saint Blaise - 7 | g. lost items |
| Saint Anthony of Padua - 8 | h. animals |
| Saint Jude - 9 | i. the Americas |
| Our Lady of Guadalupe - 10 | j. policemen |



Answers: 1. h, 2. c, 3. e, 4. a, 5. d, 6. j, 7. b, 8. g, 9. f, 10. i.

Dear parents,

Remind your children to do the activities suggested in the Lenten notebook provided by MagnifiKid! Lent is a time of prayer and conversion. Each year the Church gives us this season of grace to look at our lives and make the changes we know we should be making. We are Catholics, and we want to live as Catholics, not just on Sundays, but every day in every way. Make Lent special by choosing some practices as a family. For example, you could do away with desserts, say the family prayer (see further) each night, cut back on TV and other media, or spend time together helping an elderly person. Don't focus merely on the external practices, but on choosing to put God first in your family life. May this Lent bring new joy and love to your family!

■ Pray as a family

During March, MagnifiKid! suggests that you pray for the grace to trust in God's will for your family. We cling to all sorts of things hoping for some sense of security and self-confidence. Lent invites us to let go of our worries and to trust in God alone. Fasting (in whatever form that takes) helps us to let go and to feel our hunger for the Lord. Almsgiving reminds us that what we have is a gift to be shared. Prayer turns us toward God in trust. Use the Lenten notebook (found in the Ash Wednesday issue) and the prayer below to help you pray as a family.

■ Thy will be done

The parent who is leading the prayer says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All make the sign of the cross. The parent continues with:

