

# Sunday Alive!

Helping our families prepare for Mass!

Sunday, November 5, 2023 - EXPLORE THE SUNDAY GOSPEL  
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**St. Dominic Savio**

## MEET OUR SAINT OF THE WEEK!

**St. Dominic Savio (Feast Day March 10)**

April 2, 1842 – March 9, 1857

Dominic was born into a peasant family in Riva, Italy. Dominic joined St. John Bosco as a student at the Oratory in Turin at the age of 12. He impressed St. John Bosco with his desire to be a priest and to help him in his work with neglected boys. A peacemaker and an organizer, young Dominic founded a group he called the Company of the Immaculate Conception, which, besides being devotional, helped John Bosco with the boys and with manual work. Dominic was called home to heaven at the age of 14. The members of his group joined the Salesian congregation that John Bosco started. As a youth, Dominic spent hours rapt in prayer. Even in play, he said that at times, "It seems heaven is opening just above me. I am afraid I may say or do something that will make the other boys laugh." Dominic would also say, "I can't do big things. But I want all I do, even the smallest thing, to be for the greater glory of God."

## TAKE TIME TO CHAT WITH YOUR FAMILY ABOUT THE GOSPEL!

- 1) What is Jesus trying to teach us in this Gospel?
- 2) Do you know anyone who brags? What's it like to be around someone like that?
- 3) What does it mean when Jesus says, "You have but one Father in heaven"?
- 4) St. Dominic Savio was concerned with how others would react to his deep faith. Do you worry about what others will think of you if you share your faith? What would help with that?

## FAMILY FUN – Family Service!

*Just as St. Dominic Savio's group would help with manual labor, help around your neighborhood and community today.*

**Have your family support Mobile Loaves and Fishes!**

Have a family **baking party** and donate your cookies and brownies to the MLF Commissary!

Purchase, assemble, and donate **"Hygiene Kits!"** They can contain toothpaste, a toothbrush, soap, shaving cream, a razor, deodorant, and a comb! **Socks are also needed!**



## FAMILY PRAYER

### The Prayer of St. Gertrude for the Souls in Purgatory

*On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Church celebrates the feast of All Souls; we observe the Month of Remembrance for the entire month of November. Remember those loved ones who have gone before as you pray this prayer as a family this month!*

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. **Amen!**



## LITURGY LINK

Today's Gospel talks about how to be great we must be a servant. What can you do this week to be more servant-minded?

## FAMILY CHALLENGE

Practice the virtue of humility this week. Let others go before you, when possible, and try not to boast. Do a good deed for others in secret and do not take credit for it. Let's see how you do!

St. John Neumann, our Patron Saint, as bishop of Philadelphia, organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, increasing the number of pupils almost twentyfold within a short time. Gifted with outstanding organizing ability, he drew into the city many teaching communities of sisters and the Christian Well-known for his holiness and learning, spiritual writing, and preaching, on October 13, 1963, John Neumann became the first American bishop to be beatified. Canonized in 1977, he is buried in St. Peter the Apostle Church in Philadelphia.

## FUN FACTS!

The Big Bang Theory was proposed by a Catholic priest, Monsignor Georges Lemaître! This startling idea first appeared in scientific form in 1931, in a paper by Georges Lemaître, a Belgian cosmologist and Catholic priest.

The theory, accepted by nearly all astronomers today, was a radical departure from scientific orthodoxy in the 1930s. Many astronomers at the time were still uncomfortable with the idea that the universe is expanding. That the entire observable universe of galaxies began with a bang seemed preposterous.

