

Sunday, January 30, 2005 – Fourth **Sunday in Ordinary Time**

This Week's Readings: [Zep 2:3; 3:12-13](#), [1 Cor 1:26-31](#), [Mt 5:1-12a](#)

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."



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How do you imagine that the people listening to Jesus must have been feeling?

Draw facial expressions on Jesus and His followers.

On Sunday, January 30, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In our Gospel reading this week, Jesus notices the crowds around Him and goes up to a mountain and begins to teach His followers. The precious words of this week's Gospel are known as the "Beatitudes" – these special ideas are Jesus way of telling you and me about the type of life that we should lead. They are His teachings for us to follow, for happiness in this life and a path to heaven in the next. They teach us to share what we have with others, to show love and mercy, to be clean of heart and to work for peace in our world. Along with the Ten Commandments given to Moses in the Old Testament, these Beatitudes should guide the way we make choices and take actions. Let's work together this week to spread Jesus' love in our world by living in the Spirit of the Beatitudes.

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- After the tsunamis that have devastated so many in our world, it's time for us to spread Christ's love! Can you find a way to help? Visit

www.catholicrelief.org to learn about ways your family can provide support!

- January 30 begins the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. If you attend a Catholic school, Religious Education or are Homeschooled, please take time this week to thank your teachers, parents and priests for the gift of your education.
- Matthew's Gospel tells us that Jesus went up on a mountain to teach His followers. This week, take your Bible and climb a hill, a tree, or even a bunkbed and read God's word!
- We have new word games for this Sunday's Gospel. You can find them by clicking on the links below.

Word Search - http://www.christiancoloring.com/1_23_04.htm

Crossword - <http://www.christiancoloring.com/1.23.05.htm>

- Pray for me, and I'll pray for you! Guess what!!! This week I hear from the mommy of some special girls in **Fresno, California** who color with us each week on Fridays while they get ready for Sunday Mass. I also had notes from friends in **Kansas, Connecticut**, and even the **Philippines!!** It's so great to hear from you! Feel free to drop me a note at Lisa@catholicmom.com or at the address listed below. I'd love to see your pictures too!