



# St. Richard Community Question of the Week

**Reading and Questions for Faith sharing to be used with your family & friends.**

Jan. 2, 2011. Epiphany of the Lord. **Theme:** Jesus is a gift to all humanity.

**Reading I:** Isaiah 60:1-6 (glory of the new Zion)

**Reading II:** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 (we are sent to preach the plan of God)

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12 (the visit of the Magi)

**Question for Children:** In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

**Question for Youth:** Life can sometimes be rough: losing your home, moving, feeling fear or danger. How do you experience God being and staying with you in such times?

**Question for Adults:** How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?

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Jan. 9, 2011. The Baptism of the Lord. **Theme:** We are all called to faithful service

**Reading I:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (the servant of the Lord)

**Reading II:** Acts 10:34-38 (Peter's discourse)

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:13-17 (the baptism of Jesus)

**Question for Children:** What does God want you to do? To forgive? Be generous? To love?

**Question for Youth:** As you grow, how do you know what God wants you to do? How do you hear the voice of God saying, "you are one of mine, of my chosen?"

**Question for Adults:** Today's readings lead to a core question: As you follow God and do what he wants, how do you experience his loving words: "You are my own. My favor is upon you."?

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Jan. 16, 2011. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. **Theme:** Jesus is the Son of God.

**Reading I:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 (the servant of the Lord)

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 (greeting to the church)

**Gospel:** John 1:29-34 (John's testimony to Jesus)

**Question for Children:** If someone were to ask you, "who is Jesus?" how would you answer?

**Question for Youth:** How are you able to see through all the busyness, the distractions, and the din of today's world to really see Christ as he makes himself present today? Where do you see him or experience his presence?

**Question for Adults:** In the gospel today, John tells us who Jesus is for him. If someone were to ask you, how would you answer this question: Who Jesus is for you?

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Jan. 23, 2011. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Theme:** We are called to follow Jesus

**Reading I:** Isaiah 8:23-9:3 (the Prince of Peace)

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 (factions)

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-23 (Jesus in Capernaum)

**Question for Children:** How do you hear Jesus calling you to do what he wants you to?

**Question for Youth:** As you grow into young adulthood, Jesus calls you to follow him in particular ways, both big and small. What are some of the small ways in which Jesus calls you to follow him?

**Question for Adults:** How does Jesus call you to assist in his ministry: the building up of the Reign of God? How do you know what God wants of you in this regard?

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Jan. 23, 2011. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Theme:** We are all blessed!

**Reading I:** Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 (promise for Jerusalem)

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (paradox of God making a choice)

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12 (the beatitudes)

**Question for Children:** Choose one of the Beatitudes and share how you will make it part of your life.

**Question for Youth:** Jesus gives us a plan for our happiness in the beatitudes. Do the things that make you happiest also lead you towards God? Do they follow God's plan?

**Question for Adults:** How do you describe what it means to be "blest" in your own life?

## Step One: Listen to the Word

As you listen to the reading today, what did you hear God saying? What word or phrase touched your own heart and is memorable for you?

## Step Two: Look into Your Life