

Faith Formation for the Whole Community



Question of the Week

Each week God speaks to us through Scripture. But we sometimes don't make the connection between what we hear in the Word of God and our daily lives. The Question of the Week helps us apply the Word we hear to our personal experience, our family, our work and our world. Adults can use it for personal prayer. Couples and families can use it for sharing and prayer at a weekly meal.

- Reread the passage from Sunday's Gospel
- Reflect on the Question
- Share your response to the Question.

Throughout the year—as we all listen more attentively to God's Word and apply it to our lives—we'll grow together as a community.

The full Gospel reading is available on the Parish website, www.stanneseattle.org.

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Mark 2:1-12

Healing the paralytic

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth" -he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

Who do you know who might need your help this week?