

## Gospel Reflection

In this Sunday's Gospel, the Sadducees were trying to trip up Jesus with a hypothetical question because they did not believe in an afterlife or resurrection. In his response to them, Jesus affirms resurrection and eternal life, not based on man-made laws, but on our faith in Him and because we are the children of God. What is our response to his awesome promise, the promise of everlasting life? Is it a response of gratitude and hope? Does that hope guide us to express our gratitude by following the examples that Jesus provided?

One opportunity to follow Jesus' example recently offered itself with the fires raging throughout California. One evacuee witnessed help coming from all directions; city employees, local agencies, concerned neighbors. Sam writes, "There was a constant stream all morning long. There was a need and there were plenty of people willing to fill that need....the man from the local taco shop with a tray of burritos he'd made, the ladies from the food co-op with flats of strawberries, the cases of diapers dropped off at the fire station, the wall of water ... cases 8 feet tall, 6 feet wide and 12 feet long. Sometimes God works in mysterious ways and sometimes He's as obvious as a raging fire.

God's promise of the resurrection and everlasting life calls us to be his ambassadors to the world around us by using our time, talents and treasures in the service of his people. How are we doing? One evacuee of the Chula Vista fire would say, "Don't stop now. I want to praise God with my actions, in times of plenty and in times of trial, by doing my part to spread his never-ending love."

*OLA's Stewardship Committee*

## KEEPING FAITH FIRST FAMILY FUN

*Luke 20:27-38*

U D U T O N H D C N R E A  
A C G R L U I E O Q G S G  
R E H C E U R I A T S I G  
E N A E U S L E G N A U R  
A Y I L N N N G T O D T I  
W T D A I Y O A O G D E N  
V O N E R V E I T D U R G  
D B R O T H E R T H C I O  
N O I T C E R R U S E R I  
E G S W H T E A C H E R E  
Y N E D I Y Y M G I S U A  
S H M U L F E U I E U O Q  
T D S C D I E G T A W M H

***Find these words from the Gospel passage.***

RESURRECTION	CHILD	ALIVE
QUESTION	AGE	SADDUCCEES
TEACHER	MARRIAGE	DENY
BROTHER	ANGELS	GOD
WIFE	RISE	WORTHY

## Disciple's Reflection & Questions of the Week

*Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
11/11/07*

*Luke 20:27-38  
Faith-Sharing  
Questions of the Week*



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## Call to Prayer

*We begin by calling upon God:*

**In the Name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the  
Holy Spirit, Amen.**

*We then pause for a moment to listen with  
our hearts to this week's Gospel passage...*

**The Word of God:** *Luke 20:27-38*

### ***The Gospel according to Luke:***

Some **Sadducees**, those who deny that there is a **resurrection**, came forward and put this question to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us, *If someone's brother dies leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother.*

"Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman but died childless. Then the second and the third married her and likewise all died childless. Finally the woman also died. Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her."

Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like the angels; and they are the

children of God because they are the ones who will rise.

"That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

### ***The Gospel of the Lord***



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### **Gospel Glossary**

**Sadducees:** a group of Jews who did not believe in life after death and who interpreted the Jewish scriptures very literally

**Resurrection:** The rising of the dead on Judgment Day.

## Faith Sharing

### **Questions of the Week**

- What is my response to God's awesome promise of everlasting life?
- Is my response one of gratitude and hope?
- How am I doing as "God's ambassador to the world" by using my time, talents and treasures in the service of God's people?

## Closing Prayer

*Almighty Father,*

*Shield our minds from the distortion of pride and enfold our desire with the beauty of truth. Help us become more aware of your loving design so that we may more willingly give our lives in service to all.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen*

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**