

This Week's Readings

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14.

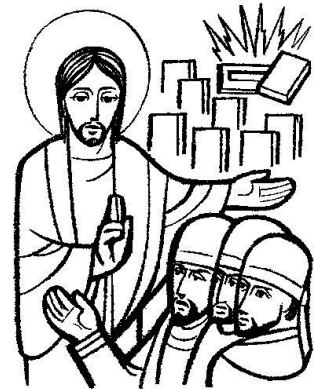
The young Jewish boys refuse to deny the Law, confident of resurrection and eternal life with God.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2: 16-3: 5.

Paul prays that we may be strong to do and say all that is good.

Gospel: Luke 20: 27-38.

Jesus makes an important distinction: in the present time we die physically, in the time to come we are resurrected to live with God forever.



Points for Reflection

Christ has risen from the dead. This is the foundation of our faith.

This means that we, too, shall rise from the dead and complete the life we are already living, which started at baptism and confirmation.

Growth in this life demands perseverance.

For the Maccabees (**First Reading**), this meant holding on to their faith at the cost of their earthly lives.

For the Thessalonians (**Second Reading**), it meant loyalty to the truth in the face of bigotry and hatred.

For us, it means opposing the double standards of our day, persevering in the belief that the Spirit of the Risen Christ is with the Church, despite what pessimists say. It means working so that the whole community of believers, the Body of Christ, may be brought to know and love its Head, the Risen Christ, follow him and announce him to the whole world.

We may find all this difficult; but God is faithful and will give us the light and strength we need. This light we can find in the Word of God; this strength we can find in the living bread of the Eucharist, which feeds the Christ-life in us. **This, Paul says, is our sure hope.**

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Kids' Corner

Colour the picture of Jesus below.

