

Lesson for Sunday, April 19, 2020 (The Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday)

Dear Families,

Christ is Risen!! Happy week of the Easter Octave. I am praying that you are well and staying safe. I am trying to streamline lessons and make them as easy to navigate as possible.

- I have organized each Grade Level page on the website (holyfamilyrockland.org) so that everything you need for each week will sit right at the top with links to the hardcopies of the children's Gospel Weeklies (Or for 2,9,10 grade – links to the chapters in your text), followed by a link to the Teacher/Parent Guide for you to use, followed by a video clip and activities to support the lesson. One of the links is to a lesson on the Liturgical Calendar that I am asking all parents to PLEASE go over with your children. I have been teaching them about the Liturgical Calendar throughout the year and they are just getting used to following it – I hate for them to miss out. We left off on Lent so I would like you please to share this information on the next 50 days of Easter. The children should recognize the image of the calendar that I included. I hope this helps. Please let me know if you cannot access something.
- K-8 Grade Students: The lessons in the students' Pflaum Gospel Weeklies this week celebrates the core of Christian faith: that God raised Jesus, who was crucified, from the dead. The promise of Jesus is that all who believe in him will be raised up. The act of raising Jesus from the dead reveals most ultimately who God is— the one who gives life. By accepting death, Jesus also reveals who God is. The power that gives life, as Jesus reveals it, is love, especially its concrete forms such as forgiving, serving others, and giving one's life. I have included a great video clip of Jesus meeting the Apostles in the Upper Room after His Resurrection and his encounter with "Doubting" Thomas.
- 2nd , 9th , 10th, Grade Students: Please continue reading your text for Eucharist (2nd Grade) and Confirmation (9/10 Grade). I have put Chapter 4 up on the website for those of you who do not have your text at home. You should be working through one chapter a week and doing the lesson summary questions at the end of each chapter. It would be great if you could email me a summary of what you read or if you have any questions email them to me. I am happy to write back with my thoughts. We will be discussing them when we are finally able to get back together!!
- K-10 Parents: If the online component is proving difficult remember that I am happy to put my mask and gloves on and drop your child's Gospel Weeklies (K-8), Workbook (K-8), Eucharist Workbook (2nd grade), Confirmation texts (Grades 9/10) on your porch so that you have the hardcopies to work from through May 10.

Lastly, and most important: Please make a point of watching Mass together as a family this week. (The easiest way to access the Mass recording will be on our website. It is also showing on local cable.) It is important for our children to understand that we are called to celebrate Mass now more than ever and that God never abandons us. Families have said that there was great comfort for their kids to see their Church and Father Hickey, and other familiar things during the broadcast.

We miss you! We love you! Please let us know if we can help in anyway. We continue to prayer for health and safety for all our families and offer prayers of gratitude for all those that are working here in our area and around the world to aid those affected by the Coronavirus.

Yours in Christ,
Liz Davis