

Lesson for Sunday, April 26, 2020 (The Third Sunday of Easter)

Dear Families,

I am praying that you are well and staying safe. I continue to try to streamline lessons and make them as easy to navigate as possible. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you are having difficulty with anything or need clarification.

- All lessons can be found, organized by Grade Level on the Holy Family website at holymfamilyrockland.org. Everything you need for the week is right at the top with:
 1. Links to the hardcopies of the children's Gospel Weeklies for April 26th
 2. And for 2,9,10 grade – links to the chapters in your text followed by
 3. Link to the Teacher/Parent Guide for you to use, followed by
 4. A video clip and activities to support the lesson.
 5. If you did not have a chance to go over the lesson on the Liturgical Calendar with your child last week, please take a look at it this week. 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 one of my favorite gospel stories and is the foundation of how we teach Religious Education here at Holy Family. This Week's Gospel: Luke 24:13–35 tells the classic story of the presence of the Risen Jesus in the lives of his followers. **Two discouraged disciples walk home to Emmaus after Jesus' Death in Jerusalem. A stranger falls in step and helps them see, through the retelling of the Scriptures, that the Messiah was not to be a triumphant king, but a suffering servant. At supper they recognize the stranger as Jesus in the breaking of the bread. At Mass we listen to the Scripture and we recognize the Risen Christ in the community and in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread.**
- 2nd, 9th, 10th, Grade Students: Please continue reading your text for Eucharist (2nd Grade) and Confirmation (9/10 Grade). I have put Chapter 5 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 have enjoyed responding to those of you who have emailed me your thoughts. We will be discussing these chapters when we are finally able to get back together!! We are still waiting to hear from Cardinal Sean regarding when the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation will take place. It will happen – we just need to be patient.
- 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