

Lesson for Sunday, May 10, 2020 (The Fifth Sunday of Easter)

Dear Families,

I am praying that you continue to be well and are staying safe. This Sunday, May 10 is the Fifth Sunday of the Easter Season. This week at Mass (Link from our website at : holyfamilyrockland.org) Father Hickey will read from the Gospel of John Chapter 14: Verses 1–12. In it, Jesus directs us to not let our hearts be troubled. Our faith in Jesus can keep us filled with God's peace. Jesus promises that he is preparing a place for each of us in heaven. We will get there through following Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life. As Jesus tells his Apostles, whoever has seen him has seen the Father (God). You will find a variety of material online to teach and support this week's lesson. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you are having difficulty with anything or need clarification on any of the links on the website.

- All lessons can be found, organized by Grade Level on the Holy Family website at **holyfamilyrockland.org**. Everything you need for the week is right at the top with:
 1. Link to the hardcopies of the children's Gospel Weeklies (Grade K-8) for May 10th
 2. Link to the gospel for Grades 9 and 10
 3. Link to the Teacher/Parent Guide for you to use, followed by
 4. A video clip and activities to support the lesson.
 5. And for 2,9,10 grade students: Links to the chapters in your text are located at the bottom of the webpage.
- **May The Month of Mary and May Crowning at Home (Grades K-10)** For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. I have added multiple links on the website to use throughout the month of May to celebrate Mary in your home. We are also asking every family to set aside a special place in your home for the month of May to honor Mary. If you have a small statue of Mary, great – if not please have the kids color one of the pictures available on the website and hang it in a special place. If you can, place a candle there and some fresh flowers from your yard or a picture of flowers that your children colored. Please make sure to check it all out on the website under Faith Formation and then your child's grade.
- **2nd , 9th , 10th , Grade Students:** Please continue reading your text for Eucharist (2nd Grade) and Confirmation (9/10 Grade). I have put Chapter 7 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.**

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 through the link 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