

Lesson for Sunday, May 17, 2020 (The Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Dear Students and Families,

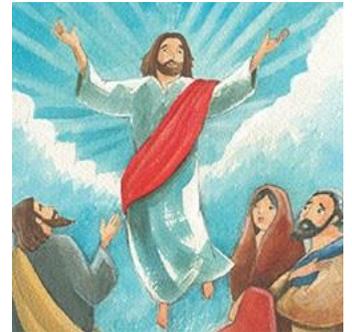
I am praying that you continue to be well and are staying safe. This Sunday, May 17 is the Sixth Sunday of the Easter Season. This week at Mass (to watch Mass use the link from our website at : holyfamilyrockland.org) Father Hickey will continue from last week reading from the Gospel of John Chapter 14: Verses 15–21. In it, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to help us (Pentecost). He tells the disciples and you and me:

1. If you love Me, keep my commandments.
2. I will send the Holy Spirit to help you and be with you, ALWAYS.
3. I will never leave you.
4. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.

You will find a variety of material online, at your child's grade level, to teach and support this week's gospel lesson, Sunday, May 17 as well as the Holy Day of Obligation on Thursday, May 21 – ASCENSION THURSDAY.

What is the Ascension?

- The Feast of the Ascension is celebrated forty days after Easter Sunday.
- It is always on a Thursday (and we are obligated to attend Mass).
- It marks the day that Jesus was taken gloriously up into heaven.
- After Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, Scripture tells us, He was seen for forty days before He ascended into heaven to be "seated at the right hand of God the Father."
- The Ascension is the third event in the cycle of Crucifixion-Resurrection-Ascension in which our Lord's life on earth ends with His being raised to live and reign gloriously with God forever.



Please do not hesitate to reach out if you are having difficulty with any of the lessons 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 (Grade K-5) for May 17th
2. Link to the gospel for Grades 6-10
3. Links to Videos, Music, Puzzles, Coloring Pages, Books, and other Activities
4. **2nd , 9th , 10th , Grade Students:** Please continue reading your text for Eucharist (2nd Grade) and Confirmation (9/10 Grade). I have put Chapter 8 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 pray for good 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, and we look forward to the day that we can all celebrate together as one Holy Family!

Yours in Christ,

Liz Davis