

Lesson for Sunday, May 24, 2020 (The Seventh Sunday of Easter)

Dear Students and Families,

As you know Governor Baker and Cardinal Sean have reopened the Churches for in person worship. Our first Mass is scheduled for Pentecost, Sunday, May 31 at 10:00 AM. There are many guidelines that we must follow in order to make this happen. Father Hickey has written a letter to all families explaining how we will go about celebrating Mass here at Holy Family. You can find the letter, the link to sign up to attend Mass and many other important details on our website. Please go there today and read these documents. (LINK)

And remember, returning to in-person Mass is not for everyone. Many of you have underlying health issues or young children or elderly family members who will continue to benefit by staying home and watching Mass on our YouTube channel. We will continue to record Mass weekly for the foreseeable future. Also, Cardinal Sean continues to offer dispensation for our Sunday obligation, although we should make every effort to at least participate virtually.

I am praying that you continue to be well and are staying safe. This Sunday, May 24 is the Seventh Sunday of the Easter Season. As we celebrate this Sunday before Pentecost, we realize that the Easter season is nearing its end. This is a good time to reflect on whether we have kept living in the joy of Easter or if we have slipped back into ways of living that take away our joy.

We spent the forty days of Lent sacrificing, praying, and doing good works. These should not be things we do only during Lent. We “practice” these spiritual practices during Lent so that they may become more regular parts of our lives—all through the year. Our Lenten efforts help us to celebrate Easter season with greater joy and appreciation for God’s great love for us. Our cup of Easter joy can be refilled at every Sunday Mass since Sundays are “little Easters”—celebrations of Christ’s Resurrection.

All though the Religious Education Program has technically ended for the current term, our desire to know, love and serve the Lord never stops and our obligation as parents to lead our children to Christ is the greatest gift that we can give them. I will continue to offer material on our website by grade level, under the Faith Formation tab, that you and your children can access over the course of the summer. I will email you at the beginning of each month with a brief overview of the month’s lessons and then each week I will add new readings/videos/coloring pages/activities that your family can explore at your leisure.

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.

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.

Yours in Christ,
Liz Davis