

Lesson for Sunday, May 3, 2020 (The Fourth 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. **The fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday** because in the Gospel reading from John:1-10, Jesus is described as the Good Shepherd and we, His followers, are His sheep. Our lessons this week focus on how Jesus cares for us and in turn how we then care for others in our family, school, community and throughout the world. 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 3rd
 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 – links to the chapters in your text are located at the bottom of the webpage
- **May The Month of Mary (Grades K-10)** For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of Mary to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, mind you, but the entire month. The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks and Ancient Rome... I have added multiple links on the website to use throughout the month of May to celebrate Mary in your home. Please make sure to check it out.
- **2nd, 9th, 10th, Grade Students:** Please continue reading your text for Eucharist (2nd Grade) and Confirmation (9/10 Grade). I have put Chapter 6 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 going forward.

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