

Lesson for Sunday, November 22, 2020 (The Feast of Christ the King)

Dear Grade 4-5 Venture Families,

Blessings to each of you. I hope that you are having a good week. Please find below the outline to this week's lesson for your child. My goal, as always, is 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.

- This is our second lesson in the new batch of Pflaum Gospel Weeklies that we had asked you to stop by the office and pick up these past two weeks. We are working this week on the November 22 Lesson. The date for each week can be found in the top corner of the Gospel Weekly. **For the few of you that have not yet stopped by the office to pick up the next 8 weeks of lessons that run from November 15 – January 10, please call and arrange to do so ASAP.**
- The complete lesson can be found by going to the Holy Family website at holymfamilyrockland.org. Hover over the Menu button on the right corner of the main landing page and then Click on Faith Formation. Next, choose your child's grade level, **Grade 4-5 Venture**. Everything you need for the week is found there: (Remember, I will always give you lots of options – you do what you can get to each week based on your families schedule and your child's abilities.)
 1. Links to the Parent Teaching Guide pages to help your children each week
 2. A digital copy of their lesson (they have the hard copy)
 3. A video clip and activities to support the lesson.
 4. Prayers: Please check that your child can make the Sign of the Cross correctly and has memorized the Lord's Prayer (The Our Father), the Hail Mary, the Glory Be and the Act of Contrition. They can all be found in the **Student Venture Handbook on page 52.**
- **Lesson Background:** (Matthew 25:31–46) This Sunday, we hear Jesus' great parable (story) of judgment. The parable clearly states that all will be judged on the Works of Mercy described in it. We are called to build God's kingdom on Earth and to share in that kingdom forever. But to do so, we need to care for the least of God's children and provide food and drink, clothing and shelter, comfort, and companionship in order to live full lives. The requirement of God's kingdom is love—love for God that is shown in the way we treat one another.
- **Our Venture Gospel Weekly focuses on one of the most important lessons that Scripture teaches us: That Jesus wants us to treat other people as He would treat them.** The last Sunday of the Church year is the Solemnity of Christ the King. The lesson of the feast shows that Christ's kingdom is very different. The recipe for entering the Kingdom for all eternity is to recognize Jesus in everyone we meet. Talk together about the Works of Mercy and how you as a family can recognize Jesus and reach out to those who are hungry or thirsty or who need our love and kindness. For fun, play The Works of Mercy game on pages 6-7 of the student Gospel Weekly.
- **Pray Together:** In the Gospel, the people asked Jesus, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or naked or in prison?" When you complete your work in the Student Gospel Weekly, pray in your own words to answer that question together. Conclude with this simple prayer: "Lord, whatever we do for people in need, we are doing for You."
- **Please Consider:** As we enter the holiday season with Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas right around the corner, it is the perfect time to learn about and reflect on Catholic Social Teaching and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Normally at this time of year we would be asking the students to take part in our Parish Christmas Giving Tree and Nursing Home/Pine Street Inn Wish List Events. This year we will be doing everything virtually through our website. Starting the weekend of 11/28 & 29 we will

be launching our Christmas collection events for those in need. We know many of our families here in Rockland are really struggling during the pandemic. If you are able, please consider going online and choosing a gift to drop off at Holy Family before December 13th. All the information can be found on the website starting 11/28 and, in our bulletin, starting this week.

- **If you are a family in need** or know of someone locally who needs some help either with food or gifts, please give me a call (781-871-1244) so that we can see how we can be of assistance.

'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Lastly, and most important: Please make a point of signing up to attend 10:00 AM Sunday Mass in person (if your family is comfortable with that) or watching Mass together as a family this week (preferably on Sunday). The easiest way to access the Mass recording is on our website. It is also showing on local cable WRPS. We always want our children to make the connection, like the great Road to Emmaus story in the Bible (Luke 24: 13-35), that we learn the scripture readings and then we celebrate Eucharist in the Mass – even if it is Spiritual Communion during this time of the pandemic.

We miss you! We love you! Please let us know if we can help in any way to make this process as smooth as possible for your family. We continue to pray for the health and safety of 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 wish you all a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving!**

Yours in Christ,
Liz Davis