

Lesson for Sunday, January 24, 2021 (The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Dear Grade 4-5 Venture Students and Families,

Blessings to each of you. I am praying that you are well and having a good week! Please find below the outline to this week's lesson for your child. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you are having difficulty with anything or need clarification.

- We are working this week on the January 24th Pflaum Gospel weekly lesson.
- The complete lesson can be found by going to the Holy Family website at holyfamilyrockland.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: **The Morning Offering – Page 55** of your Student Handbook. If your child has not mastered the following prayers please continue to review them as well: **The Sign of the Cross, the Lord's Prayer (The Our Father), the Hail Mary, the Glory Be and the Act of Contrition**, all found in the Student Venture Handbook on page 52.
- **This Sunday's Gospel: Mark 1:14–20** In our lesson this week, the Gospel tells of the continuation of the call of the first apostles or disciples. Jesus calls four fishermen to become fishers of people. They respond quickly and follow Jesus. They share in His work of spreading the Good News of God's love. This is a call that comes to all of us and we need to respond with the same joy and enthusiasm as the first disciples. The gospel reminds us that we too have been called to share in the mission of Jesus, his joy, and his sufferings. We too have received the call to live like Jesus – to be Christ to everyone we meet. May we be faithful in supporting and sharing in Christ's call for each of us - to share God's love in our families, community and in our world!
- **Venture (Grades 4–5) Lesson Summary:** (The complete lesson can be found on your child's webpage under Parent Guide.) This week you and your child will learn about the Gospel of Mark. Gather some of your family members if possible and choose parts to help your child read the play about the Prophet Jonah, who was called by God but really, at first, did not want to answer yes. Talk about the experiences Jonah had in the story. Discuss ways that your family can answer God's call to follow Jesus and bring the Good News to the people you meet. Read with your child about the relationship between Saint Monica and Saint Augustine.
- **Pray Together:** Sometimes God's call is discovered in silence. When you complete your conversation about Sunday's Gospel lesson, invite all the members of your family to share a few moments of silent prayer. You can all hold hands or just sit quietly together. Remind your family that Jesus calls all of you to follow him. May we be faithful in supporting and sharing in Christ's call for each of us - to share God's love in our families, community and in our world! End by praying together the Sign of the Cross.

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. **God Bless You!**

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Liz Davis