

FINAL Lesson for Sunday, May 9, 2021 (The 6th Sunday of Easter)

Dear Grade 2-3 Good News Students and Families,

Happy Easter (the Easter season lasts for 50 days until the Feast of the Pentecost)! **And Happy Final Lesson for the 2020-2021 school year.** You did it Moms, Dads, grandparents and kids!! In this very difficult year, navigating all these ups and downs, we have kept the faith and continued our journey to know, love and serve the Lord.

Please find below the outline to this week's lesson for your child.

- We are working this week on the May 9th Good News 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 2-3 Good News**. 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 family's schedule and your child's abilities.)
 1. Link to the Parent Teaching Guide pages to help you 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. **Handout on Mary, the May Crowning, and home activities for Mary**
 5. Prayers: Please continue to work on a morning prayer and an evening prayer with your child. It is important to develop this practice of starting and ending your day speaking to Jesus. It can be a simple "Thank You" to the Lord for waking up and asking for a good day at school or at home. In the evening, it could be a review of the day: what did you do well and what could you do better on the next day.

This Sunday's Gospel: John 15:9–17 In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." The Gospel is taken from a long talk Jesus had with his disciples at the Last Supper. He calls them to live on in his love and gives them a great commandment: "Love one another as I love you."

The love that we share is not our own, but rather it is the love God has for us. Love is a powerful means of evangelization. The love of a faithful disciple shows no partiality and draws people to Jesus Christ. So, take the scripture to heart this week – keep your eyes open and your spirit alert for the grace to be an expression of God's love wherever it is needed the most.

Good News Grades 2–3 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 Jesus' new Law of Love. Talk about the ways you show love in your family. Talk as well about the ways your family shows love to those outside of it. Make sure your child sees our call to love as their lifelong mission. Pray the Prayer of Mission from the lesson as a family this week.

Pray Together Each night before bed, say the following Holy Spirit prayer together: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and our hearts shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the world. Amen.

Lastly, and most important: Please make a point of signing up to attend 4:00 PM Saturday Mass or 10:00 AM Sunday Mass in person. **It is important to get our children back to church** if your family is comfortable with that. If not, please make sure to watch 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 at Mass.

Our current plan for Fall 2021 Religious Education is to return to in person class starting late September with class options on Sunday (before and after 10 AM Mass), Monday and Tuesday.

We will be emailing Registration Forms in early July. Please make sure we have your current email, phone number and address on file. As always, if you have any questions or if we can help with anything please don't hesitate to reach out.

We love you! Congratulations again on completing all your lessons for the year! God bless you!

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Liz Davis