

St. Patrick's Religious Education Eucharist I

Lesson plans for March 16, 2019 - April 5, 2019

**Final Eucharist I Meeting
Saturday, April 6, 2019**

All color groups attend these meetings. Parents are expected to stay for the Parent Meeting.
(Children don't need their workbooks or missals for these meetings.)



Each group has been assigned teaching mass. These masses are celebrated at 10:30 am in the Monsignor Purick Hall (MPH). Listed below are the dates for each color group.

TEACHING MASS SCHEDULE

Blue Group: was October 20, 2018

Yellow Group: was December 8, 2018

Red Group: was December 15, 2018

Green Group: was January 12, 2019

Orange Group: April 13, 2019

Please make sure you check in when you attend the teaching mass. If you missed the teaching mass for your child's group you may attend a teaching mass on April 13, 2019. Each child is expected to attend 1 teaching mass with a parent or guardian. Please bring the mass missal to the teaching mass and to Mass each Sunday.



Chapter 20 - Lent - pages 171 - 176 March 15 – March 21, 2019

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. This year **Ash Wednesday was March 6, 2019**

Take your child to church to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a season of preparation for the celebration of Easter, the greatest feast of the Church. During Lent the Church gets ready to celebrate Jesus' death & resurrection. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

Goal: to present Lent as the special time when the Church gets ready to celebrate Jesus' Death and Resurrection

Our Faith Response: to know that thinking about Jesus and praying helps us to grow as friends of Jesus.

Say the prayer: **"Jesus, help me to grow closer to You. Amen."**

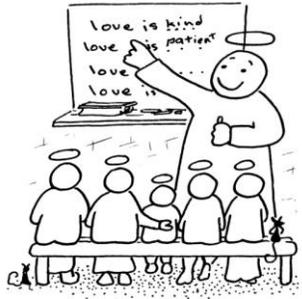
- During Lent we pray, fast and give alms to those in need. Lent is a time to grow closer to Jesus. Explain to your child that during Lent we make quiet time to think about how much our friend Jesus loves us. Point out that talking to Jesus through prayer can help us find ways to become better friends with Him. Discuss other ways, in addition to prayer, that we can deepen our friendship with Jesus during Lent. Explain that many people "give up" special items. This tradition began as a way to save money; the money saved by going without something was then given as alms (money) to help the poor and hungry.
- As a family, choose to do one prayerful practice (for example, add The Lord's Prayer to your mealtime prayers, pray the Rosary after dinner or read a passage from The Holy Bible each day), one "giving up" practice and one almsgiving practice (decide together to give to a charity or someone in need.)

Chapter 20 Project Disciple: Complete the activities on page 176.

Special Activity: Each time you do something to grow closer to Jesus during Lent, color one of the spaces on the cross on page 174.

Complete the activity "Here's what I will do to get closer to Jesus" included in this packet.

"Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." Ephesians 5:1



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March 22 - March 29, 2019

Chapter 24 - **We Share God's Love**

Goal: to understand how we can love and serve God and others.

Our Faith Response: to follow Jesus' example by loving and serving others

Say the prayer: "God, help me to follow Jesus by loving and serving others. Amen."

Read pages 204 - 207 with your child or family.

One of the most important things Jesus taught us was to love and serve God and others. This message is at the heart of much of the work the Catholic Church does throughout the world. Discuss how God's love is experienced and shared in your family and extend to the Church and the world. Think of ways in which you and your child can show how you share in God's love by serving others. Another important part of our relationship with God is prayer. Explain to your child that prayer can take many forms. Prayer can be talking to God, singing a hymn or simply listening. Prayer can be expressed in our thoughts or merely by our presence. We can pray as a community or by ourselves. Prayer is central in our expression of God's love. If you have not done so already, make the "My Prayer Book" found at the back of the workbook.

Special Activity

With your family, think about someone who has really made a difference to you and your family this year. Is it a priest or other parish worker? A grandparent? A teacher? A friend? Create a family thank-you for that person, perhaps drawn by your first grader. Share God's love...the same love that has been shared with you!

Chapter 24 Project Disciple - page 208-209. Complete the activities

Chapter 24 test - p. 210 Read each question and ask your child to mark an answer. Review and discuss his/her answers and clarify any misconceptions. Praise your child's effort in learning and living out our Catholic faith.

"God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him." 1 John 4:16

March 30 - April 5, 2019

Chapter 25 - **We Honor Mary and the Saints**

Goal: to explore why the Church honors Mary, the mother of Jesus, and honors the other saints.

Our Faith Response: to honor Mary and the saints.

Say the prayer: The Hail Mary

Read pages 211 - 215 with your child or family.

Ask your child to share what he or she remembers about Mary. Then have your child read the text. Ask, "You just read that Mary helped Jesus learn many things. What do you think Mary helped Jesus learn? Discuss your child's responses.

As Catholics, we believe that the Church is made up not only of the people who worship today, but those who have gone before us. We honor the saints because they are our ancestors in faith. Emphasize the following:

- Mary is the mother of Jesus.
- Mary loved and cared for Jesus as mothers love and care for their children today.
- Jesus loved his mother and wants us to love and care for her too.
- Mary shows us how to live as Jesus asks us to. She used the talents and gifts God gave her to become Jesus' perfect disciple. Talk to your child about the talents and gifts God gave him or her. Think of ways your child can use these special gifts to help others.

Throughout the year we celebrate special feast days to honor Mary. We gather to remember Mary on the following feast days: December 8th - to celebrate that Mary was free from sin from the very first moment of her life, January 1st - to celebrate Mary the Mother of God, August 15th - to celebrate that Mary is in heaven with God. We also celebrate feast days of different saints, usually on the day of their death. On November 1st we honor all saints, known or unknown.

This week honor Mary at home. Pray The Hail Mary or The Rosary. Plant a Mary garden, using plants honoring Mary, like marigolds (Mary gold) and ladybells (Our Lady's bells). Place a statue of Mary in a special place at home. In the month of May have a May crowning of Our Blessed Mother by creating a crown and having your child place it on the head of the Blessed Mother statue in your home. Remind your child that Our Blessed Mother always leads us closer to her son, Jesus.

Who are your family's heroes and heroines? Discuss the kids of people we look up to and why. The saints certainly qualify as heroes. List the names for all the saints mentioned in this chapter. With your family, brainstorm to add as many saints as you can. Include our parish saint, St. Patrick and the saints' names in your family. Post the list near your meal table. During a meal, ask about one of the saints. "What did he or she do for God and others?" You may want to find books and DVDs about the saints with your family. Check out our parish library, the local Catholic bookstore, our diocesan magazine, The Long Island Catholic or search online for more information about Catholic saints.

Chapter 25 Project Disciple - page 216 -217. Complete the activities

Chapter 25 test - p. 218. Read each question and ask your child to mark an answer. Review and discuss his/her answers and clarify any misconceptions. Praise your child's effort in learning and living out our Catholic faith.

"We never give more honor to Jesus than when we honor his Mother, and we honor her simply and solely to honor Him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek - Jesus, her Son.

St. Louis Marie de Montfort, True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin, #94