



The Parish of St. Patrick Eucharist I Lesson Plans

April 6 - 12 Chapter 26 - We Care for the Gift of God's Creation
April 13 - April 26 Chapter 27 - Easter - Easter Sunday is April 21, 2019

**** These lesson plans are intended to help guide you as you teach your child using the Sadlier, WE BELIEVE Grade 1 workbook. Please note that lesson plans have been aligned with the Liturgical Year.**

Consult the parish bulletin or parish website at www.stpatrickbayshore.org for a schedule of Masses, opportunities for Confession and Stations of the Cross.

FINAL TEACHING MASS: SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019 - ORANGE GROUP
and for any child who has not attended their assigned TEACHING MASS.

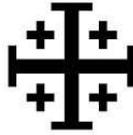
Thank you so much for being part of the Eucharist I program this year and for nurturing the gift of faith in your child. We hope that your child understands that devotion to God and love of Jesus is part of your family's daily life. We look forward to your continued participation in St. Patrick's Religious Education program as your child grows in our Catholic faith. Also, think and pray about being a Catechist for Eucharist II next Fall. If you are interested or have a question about becoming a Catechist please call the Religious Ed Office @ 631 665-4914.

**"Teach children with joy. Then they will be attracted by joy
to the Source of all joy, the heart of Jesus." ~ St. Katharine Drexel ~**



"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26



All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents.

Pope Francis *Laudato Si* (14)

Chapter 26 - We Care for the Gifts of God's Creation

Goal: to emphasize that all of creation is God's gift to us and that we must care for and respect all of creation

Our Faith Response: to care for God's creation

Say the prayer: "Dear God, help us to care for the world and all You created. Amen."

Read pages 219 - 223 with your child or family.

Discuss with your child how people can feel close to God and drawn to prayer when they are in natural surroundings, like in the mountains or at the beach. Explain that the world is God's gift to us, and as good stewards we are to care for it. We are to use our time, strength and energy to care for all living and nonliving things. Human beings are God's special creation. Explain that we must respect all people because each one of us has been created with unique gifts. We are called to use these gifts and talents to love and to serve God and others. By loving and respecting all God's gifts of the creation, we honor God our Creator.

Chapter 26 Project Disciple - page 224-225. Complete the activities

Chapter 26 test - p. 226 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.

"The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things. Saint Bonaventure teaches us that "contemplation deepens the more we feel the working of God's grace within our hearts, and the better we learn to encounter

God in creatures outside ourselves”.

Pope Francis *Laudato Si* (223)



Chapter 27 - **Easter** - Pages 227 - 232

+++Palm Sunday is April 14, 2019

+++Easter Sunday is April 21, 2019

Goal: to learn that Easter is the season the Church celebrates that Jesus rose to new life.

Our Faith Response: to recognize signs of new life and to celebrate the new life Jesus has given to us

Say the prayer: "Jesus, You rose to new life. Alleluia."

Read pages 227 - 231 with your child or family.

The Easter season lasts for fifty days, beginning on Easter Sunday and ending with Pentecost. The Church celebrates these fifty days as one continuous feast day. St. Athanasius called this season "the Great Sunday" because, what Sundays are to the week, the Easter season is to the entire year. Easter encompasses the Ascension, the return of Jesus Christ to His Father in heaven, and the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, signifying the fulfillment of Christ's promise.

Talk about family traditions at Easter time. Ask your child why he/she thinks eggs, flowers, butterflies, bunnies and are symbols of Easter. Explain that they represent new life and that during Easter we celebrate a new life through Jesus. Also, note that the lamb represents Jesus, the Lamb of God who sacrificed his life for us.

When you go to Mass on Easter Sunday ask your child to note that white and gold are the colors the Church uses to celebrate at this time. Point out the new Easter candle and beautiful flowers on the altar.

Ask your child what he/she says when hearing good news. Share your thoughts. Explain that whenever we say "Alleluia" in Church, in song or in prayer, it means "praise to God". During the Easter season we say it to show how we feel about the Good News that Jesus is alive. Stress that Jesus rose to new life on Easter and this means that Jesus is alive and with us now. He will be with us forever. He shares His new life with us so that we can be happy with God forever.

On Easter Sunday as you pray grace before sharing your family meal, ask all to participate and give thanks to the Lord for giving His life and for His rising from the dead for each and every one of us. Alleluia!

Chapter 27 Project Disciple - page 232. Complete the activities

Chapter 27 test - p. 233 -234 Read each question and ask your child to mark an answer. Review and discuss his/her answers and clarify any misconceptions. Celebrate your child's effort in learning and living out our Catholic faith.

"Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. Through Jesus we do know 'the room where exiled love lays down its victory.' He himself is this place, and He calls us to be with Him and dependent on Him. He calls us to keep this place open within the world so that He, the exiled love, may reappear over and over in the world... God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed." - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

He is Risen!



A FAMILY PRAYER

(ORIGINALLY WRITTEN FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH)

**O God our Father,
in Jesus you call all Christian families and homes
to be signs of living faith.
By the light of the Holy Spirit,
lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith,
and by that gift
may we grow in our relationship with Jesus, your Son,
and be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy
to all we meet.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray.

The disciples rebuked them, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them;

for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." *Matthew 19:13-14*

*** Please continue to review what your child has learned this year so that he/she is fully prepared for Eucharist II next fall. It is important that your child understands and can communicate the Eucharist I goals that were outlined in the first Eucharist I meeting lesson plan packet. Eucharist I Goals are listed below.

Review of Eucharist I Goals

After completing the WE BELIEVE book, participating in the Eucharist I meetings, teaching Masses and attending Sunday Mass each week your child should:

- ...understand that he/she can listen to and talk to God through prayer.
- ...know how to bless themselves with the Sign of the Cross.
- ...know the Our Father and Hail Mary prayers.
- ...appreciate God's Creation of each one of us and the world.
- ...understand that God wants us to care for the world He created.
- ...know that Jesus is one of us, God's own Son, our Friend and Teacher and that He is part of the Holy Family of Mary and Joseph.
- ...be familiar with the Good News passed on in the Bible, which we use to learn about Jesus.
- ...recognize that in Church during Mass, we receive Jesus, listen to stories from the Bible and pray with others.
- ...understand that we belong to God's Family, the Church, through Baptism.

**May confidence in the Risen Lord
bring you and your family peace and joy this Easter!**

In his rising from the dead, Jesus has given us the power to rise above ourselves; may we walk in the light that brightens the path of faith.

— The Blessing Cup Prayer-Rituals for Families