

Confirmation Mass Assignment

January 1, 2017

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

Instructions: While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the questions. Turn in with a bulletin from the mass.

Gospel Reflection

Luke's story tells us how the shepherds first received the blessing of recognizing Jesus as the Savior. They also received the responsibility of sharing the good news of his birth. While the others were carried away with joy and excitement, Mary quietly held the child in her arms and in her heart. She took time to treasure the greatest blessing that God's people would ever receive: the blessing of God's Son, who came to live with us.

We can all be like the shepherds, telling everyone we meet about Jesus. We can all be like Mary, treasuring God's action in our lives and reflecting in our hearts. The Christmas season is a good time for this reflection and quiet pondering—perhaps by the light of the Christmas tree. Make time for it. Try it now. Close your eyes, breathe deeply, and be silent. Ask Mary to help you to treasure her Son Jesus in your heart.

Gospel Questions:

1. How are you like the shepherds in this gospel? How are you like Mary in this gospel?
2. What are some of the thoughts you treasure in your heart?
3. What would you say to someone you would like to tell about Jesus?
4. Because Mary honored her commitment to God, she is a model for us of how to be a disciple. As a Catholics, when did you make your first commitment to be a disciple of Jesus? How do you show this commitment?

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January 8, 2017

The Epiphany of the Lord

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Instructions: While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the questions. Turn in with a bulletin from the mass.

Gospel Reflection:

As you listened to the gospel, did you hear any echoes of the Old Testament reading from Isaiah? Perhaps you noticed that in both readings people are being led by a bright light on a long journey. They want to see the Lord's glory and honor him with gifts (gold, frankincense, and myrrh). Matthew tells us the story of the astrologers, or magi. They followed a star to find "the newborn king of the Jews." Today's feast is called Epiphany, a word meaning "manifestation" or "shining forth" like a light. We celebrate that day when Jesus, our Light, was first revealed to the nations beyond Israel. Just as light shines forth so that we may see in the darkness, our faith in Jesus shines forth in us.

Gospel Questions:

1. What "signs" in your life have led you to Jesus?

2. How are you like the magi? Do you have "stars" in your life that lead you on the right path to Jesus? Who or what are they?

3. Sometimes on long journeys, we are tempted to turn back. What keeps you on the road to Jesus?

4. It has been said that the star is a symbol of faith. How can your faith be a "star" for others this week? How can it light the way?

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Confirmation I Mass Assignment

January 22, 2017

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Instructions: While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the following questions and turn in your answers with a bulletin from the mass.

Gospel Reflection

Once again the gospel focuses on Jesus as the Promised One of the Old Testament. Jesus began his preaching in Galilee and is identified by Matthew as "the great light" foretold by Isaiah. Jesus' first message to God's people is a powerful one. He says that we should reform our lives, or repent, for "the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Gospel Questions

1. In what ways is your faith a "light" to you? Where is there darkness that needs light?
2. When have you made a new beginning? How can you make a new beginning today in some area of your life?
3. One of the most important reasons I follow Jesus today is because . . . Explain.
4. How does the urgency of your day compares to the urgency of Jesus calling you as a disciple?

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January 29, 2017

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Instructions: While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the following questions and turn in your answers with a bulletin from the mass.

Gospel Reflection

Can you imagine a series of commercials telling people that the way to be truly happy is to be hungry for justice, poor in spirit, and single-hearted? Viewers might well wonder where these strange messages are coming from. These and the other happiness guidelines, or Beatitudes, come from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. He wants his disciples to walk the path of littleness, of mercy, and of forgiveness.

The Beatitudes are a great challenge and an even greater promise of reward. If we live by them, we will be happier right now, as well as in eternity.

Gospel Questions

Who comes to your mind as you read the Beatitudes? How might you imitate their blessedness?

How can we open ourselves to God, joy, and peace?

What is one thing that brings you great happiness inside? I hope to help others (or myself) find true happiness by . . .(Explain)