

Confirmation Mass Assignment

March 4, 2018
Third Sunday of Lent

Gospel: John 2:13-17

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

In today's Gospel, we notice that Jesus had strong emotions at times. The story illustrates how fully human Jesus truly was, and how if we are to be holy, we must fully embrace our humanness too. A full range of emotions is part of our humanity. It is what we do with our feelings that shows how connected we are to the divine. For instance, we should never act in anger, but rather feel the anger and use its energy to act out of compassion for self and others.

Gospel Questions:

1. Have you ever imagined Jesus as angry? Explain.
2. When you are angry--Does taking a deep breath help you or does it help to be in a quiet place? What would you do in the quiet place?
3. Do you think you could stick up for someone being bullied or left out? Why or why not?
4. What is something you feel passionate about changing? How would you go about doing that?

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Confirmation Mass Assignment

March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Gospel: John 3:14-21

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:

Light figures prominently in this reading. We are told people avoid the light when they have something to hide. It's normal to want to hide our faults because we feel embarrassed or sad about them. However, we know things do not grow well in the dark and if we are to transform our faults and grow, we must bring all of ourselves into the warmth and energy of God's Light. There we find things look different and what we thought was too terrible to show anyone is actually transforming once bathed in the light of God.

Gospel Questions:

1. How do you see God's love in you?
2. What does it mean to bring light to others?
3. When have you faced a dark time in your life? Who was the person that was there to show you the light? How?
4. How might your actions light the way for another?

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Confirmation I Mass Assignment

March 18, 2018
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Gospel: John 12:20-33

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

Jesus shows us how life and death are much more closely linked than one might think. We have been taught that they are opposites, but not so in this case. The life of a plant requires the death of a seed, the life of a butterfly requires the death of the caterpillar and so with us a new way of being in the world requires the death of bad habits, patterns of speech, and hurtful ways. Lent is a wonderful time to die to something that does not bear fruit in our lives.

Gospel Questions

1. In this gospel story, to lose your life means to lay down your attachments to anything or anyone that prevents you from following Jesus. For people your age in today's world, what might some of those things and persons be?

2. Who or what helps you to be a faithful follower of Jesus, not only during Lent but on a daily basis?

3. How do you think Jesus draws people to himself? How can you help others whose words or actions say "We should like to see Jesus"?

4. What "fruit" do you hope to have ready in time for Easter this year?

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Confirmation I Mass Assignment

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Gospel: Mark 15:1-39

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

This Palm Sunday reading of the Passion of the Lord is taken from Mark's Gospel. It was the first written account of how Jesus suffered and died. It is also the shortest version of the Passion and is written almost like a newspaper story that presents "just the facts." The most important truth Mark wants to communicate is that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, whose suffering leads to glory. When Jesus cries out from the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Psalm 22:1), he is praying in the words of the psalmist who continues to trust God even when all seems hopeless.

Gospel Questions

1. How did you feel about participating at Mass today? What is your favorite part of Holy Week?
2. Why do you think people sometimes ridicule and mock others? What does the example of Jesus teach us about seeking revenge against others?
3. Why do you think people in crowds sometimes act in ways that they as individuals would never do? How will you show this week that you honor Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God?