Confirmation Mass Assignment
December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-42

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 Advent, we wait. We wait for the coming of Jesus—in that stable in Bethlehem, in our hearts, and at the end of all things. Our wait should not be characterized only by Christmas shopping, parties, or gift wrapping. It should also be marked by prayer, service, and repentance. We wait in hope for the Lord to come, knowing that he will come “at an hour you do not expect.” Stay awake! Don’t ignore God. Let us open our hearts to the possibilities of renewal and generously welcome the Lord into our lives.

Gospel Questions:
1. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. What are some things that we can do to stay alert and ready to welcome Christ when he returns in glory?

2. How might your surroundings be distracting you from being prepared for the second coming? Are there any changes you want to make in your life this Advent to be ready for Christ at Christmas?

3. The joy I have in my heart this season is because. . .Explain.
Confirmation Mass Assignment  
December 8, 2019  
Second Sunday of Advent

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-6

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:

All of us want to be prepared. We prepare for bad weather, tests, sporting events, or first days of school. In most of these cases, our preparations include having proper supplies and plan of action. John the Baptist preaches a different kind of preparation: the preparation of the heart. As Christians, we must be constantly vigilant and repentant, keeping our hearts pure and holy, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

Gospel Questions:
1. John the Baptist wanted people to “prepare the way of the Lord.” During Advent, how can you affirm John’s message in your own life. Explain

2. Do you feel prepared to meet Christ if he showed up today? Why or Why not? Explain.

3. Why is it important to go to Reconciliation during Advent?
Confirmation I Mass Assignment
December 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-6

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
John the Baptist has expectations of the Messiah. We, too, have expectations of God. What were John and his disciples expecting? Rather than telling them directly that he was the Messiah, Jesus asks them to look at all who have been restored and healed. This is indeed cause for rejoicing at the coming of the Savior.

Gospel Questions

1. What are your expectations of God?

2. Why is the candle this Sunday pink while the others are purple?

3. How can you bring joy to someone’s life this Advent season?
Confirmation I Mass Assignment
December 22, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

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

Today we hear the central message of Advent: “God is with us.” Mary was afraid when the angel Gabriel revealed that she had been chosen by God to bear his son. Joseph was perturbed when Mary was found to be pregnant, for he was a righteous man. Yet, because they both, in faith, said yes to the call of God, God was with them in a deeply personal and miraculous way. Likewise, we have each been called and chosen to make the light of Christ shine in the dark places of the world.

Gospel Questions
1. When should you say yes to God? Be specific.

2. How do you know God is with you?

3. Where and when do you recognize the presence of the Lord? Explain.

4. What gift do you carry within yourself that others can see lived out in your life? How is it seen?
Confirmation I Mass Assignment
December 29, 2019
Feast of the Holy Family

Gospel: Matthew 2:19-23

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

The Holy Family faithfully followed God’s command to flee Egypt and then to return after Herod had died. They went to a foreign country, leaving family, friends, and livelihood, without knowing what the outcome would be. In the quiet simplicity of the Nazareth household, the child Jesus learned about virtue, obedience, and holiness from his parents. The Holy Family is an icon of family life: a life built upon faith, fidelity, and love.

Gospel Questions

1. What does your family have in common with the Holy Family?

2. Jesus showed his parents honor and respect, we can ask Jesus to help us do the same. How do you show your parents honor and respect?

3. Why do you go to Mass?