

**Confirmation Mass Assignment**

March 3, 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Gospel: Luke 6:39-45**

**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**

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” Each day, we build up habits and attitudes that either orient us toward God or away from that love. When an individual uses opportunities to do good, virtue is fostered. Even when the gestures of goodness are small ones, the person is increasingly conforming to the image of God. As we prioritize what is important in our lives, we want to remember that we will be known by our fruits.

**Gospel Questions:**

1. What is one thing you would like to change about your daily interactions?
2. How can you be more aware of what may be standing in the way of seeing clearly?
3. How can I help draw others closer to Christ this week through the words I speak?
4. Who is someone you can help on his or her faith journey today? What can you do to let them know “we’re in this together”?

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**Confirmation Mass Assignment**

March 10, 2019  
First Sunday of Lent

**Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

**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:**

The devil tempts Jesus to serve himself. Jesus could feed himself, possess all power, and have the angels come to aid him. But Jesus knew who he was and that he did not come to this earth to serve himself. Any power that Jesus uses reveals the glory of God. It is easy to fall for the temptation to serve ourselves instead of God. During this Lent, we may want to examine what tempts us to be a replacement for God. How do you keep your eyes focused on worshipping God alone?

**Gospel Questions:**

1. Describe something or someone that is hard for you to say no to even if you should. Why?
2. Do you know who you are? How does this help you resist temptations?
3. During Lent we can think more carefully about how we spend our time and choose to spend more time and energy on activities that lead us to God. Jesus' response to the devil's temptations reminds us that God is to take priority in our lives. How can you make God a priority in your life?

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### **Confirmation I Mass Assignment**

March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent

#### **Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36**

**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***

At the Transfiguration, the three Apostles are allowed to view Jesus in his divinity. They knew Jesus as human, and now they have a glimpse of his divine nature. In this instance, Peter, James, and John are allowed another perspective of Jesus. During Lent, we will not enter a cloud as the Apostles did, but we can give ourselves a chance to see ourselves, one another, and creation with different eyes. If you could see how you and those around you are made in the image of God, what would you see?

#### ***Gospel Questions***

1. Moses and Elijah stand with Jesus in the Gospel today. Who inspires and stands with you?
2. What role does silence play in your Lenten journey?
3. The disciples are awed when the voice of God confirms Jesus' identity: "This is my Son, my Chosen One." How will you honor Jesus as the Chosen One of God during Lent?
4. Three traditional ways are: daily prayer, fasting, and sharing with the poor (almsgiving). How can you include these three Lenten practices in your daily life?

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**Confirmation I Mass Assignment**

March 24, 2019

Third Sunday of Lent

**Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**

**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 calls the people to turn their lives to God or risk perishing just as those whose deaths they decry. With the parable of the fig tree, Jesus shows his inquisitors that it is possible to turn their lives around, even if they have not borne good fruit in years. Just as the gardener will seek to nourish the fig tree through cultivating the ground and the fertilizer, we can nurture our relationship with God through prayer and good works.

***Gospel Questions***

1. What would you like to repent of during this Lenten season?
2. How will you show that you have heard Jesus' words about reforming your life?
3. What "fruit" do you hope to have ready in time for Easter this year?
4. What do you want to be like a year from now?

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**Confirmation I Mass Assignment**

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

**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***

No matter our sin and no matter how long we have been away from God, our return is celebrated. In this parable, Jesus portrays God as a father who not only waits for the son but runs to meet him. Such is the joy of the father that he embraces and kisses his son before receiving an apology. We, too, can always return to God after we have fallen away from the path and neglected our relationship with God. Our Lord is always waiting for us.

***Gospel Questions***

1. Jesus welcomed sinners. Do you find this comforting or challenging? Why?
2. Have you ever felt the love of acceptance even when you were less than your best self? Explain.
3. Consider the elder brother. Have you ever felt that someone else in your family or among your friends "has it better" or easier than you do? Are you tempted to compare yourself with others?
4. How did the father in this parable meet the needs of each of his sons? How does God meet your needs?