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Confirmation Mass Assignment
January 1, 2020
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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. 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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Confirmation I Mass Assignment
January 5, 2020
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-5, 7-11

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:

Matthew's account is the only one to describe the visit of the Magi. The journey of the Magi revealed the significance of Jesus' birth. *Epiphany* means "revelation": the star revealed the way to Jesus, and their gifts to the newborn revealed his true identity (his royalty, divinity, and eventual death). We all experience moments of epiphany: moments when the darkness is dispelled and we see the world in a new way, moments when we find the courage to travel outside the safe borders of our normal lives. On this feast, consider where the star is leading you. How is Christ being revealed in your life?

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?

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Confirmation I Mass Assignment
January 12, 2020
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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 baptism of Jesus is another epiphany, a moment of revelation. In this baptism, the Trinity is revealed (the voice of God the Father, the person of Jesus Christ, and the dove). Jesus' baptism opens the door for all of us to participate in the life of God. We have been called to the same baptismal waters. In Baptism, we receive a new life in Christ – we put on Christ, like a garment – and are made into sons and daughters of God, in whom he is well pleased.

Gospel Questions

1. How do you "put on Christ" in your life?

2. How often do you recognize times when you have experienced God's favor and love? What can help you become more conscious every day of God acting in your life?

3. What can you do to help others become more aware of God's love?

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Confirmation I Mass Assignment
January 19, 2020
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: John 1:29-34

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 had already given up all that he owned, travelling around and preaching repentance of sins. This day, when he was surrounded by his followers (the fruit of his work and sacrifice) he looked toward Jesus and sent them all to follow Jesus. John showed great humility as a witness to Christ, giving up every remnant of his accomplishments in service of God. Like John, it is our call to direct our successes, achievements, and glory back to God, that we may make him known in all we do.

Gospel Questions

1. How would you respond if someone asked you, "Whose disciple are you?"

2. Explain how Jesus is the Lamb of God.

3. In what ways can you direct your successes, achievements, and glory back to God? How can you make Him known in all that you do?

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Confirmation I Mass Assignment

January 26, 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 4:13-17

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

During the winter in North America, the days are short and the hours in the dark are long. The world is full of suffering and death, wars and famines, poverty and addiction, violence and despair. It is easy to feel worn down by the darkness. But the light of God dawned upon the world at the darkest time of year. Light and life and hope have arisen. Our hope was born in Bethlehem and he is still being born in our hearts and in our lives, bringing light to dark places.

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. What did Jesus mean when He said, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”? How can you practice this in your daily life?