



A FAMILY OF *Faith*

**January 2020
Adult Meeting**

“Your True Identity: Loved”

Agenda

- Administration and Reminders
- January Family Goals
- Lesson 6 and 7 Highlights
- Questions?



Administration and Reminders

- This weekend--Sunday, January 12th Christmas Season ends (Baptism of the Lord) and Monday, January 13th “Ordinary Time” begins
- Wednesday, January 15th – First Communion **AND** Confirmation (**youth**) sessions
- Next RE/FBC full session on Wednesday, February 5th
- Wednesday, February 26th is Ash Wednesday; Sunday, April 12th is Easter Sunday
- Adverse weather—follow Bellevue Public Schools
- St. Matthew “Mardi Gras” Parish Social Extravaganza – Friday, Feb 21st 2020
- Parish App and Parish Website—includes previous adult meetings

Intro to January Family Goals

- Better understand “The Great Commandments and the First Three Commandments” (Lesson 6) and “The Fourth Commandment and the Domestic Church” (Lesson 7)
- Discuss this month’s words to know – *Decalogue / Ten Commandments; the Great Commandments; Blessing; Domestic Church*
- Scripture Verse of the Month
“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.” (Matthew 22:37+)
- Discuss St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Saint of the Month, Feast = January 4th)
- Things to do this month:
 - Pray together as family in your New Year’s resolutions
- Remember...The first three commandments teach us to love God, and the seven following teach us to love our neighbor.

Lesson 6 --
The Great Commandments
and the First Three
Commandments



Lesson 6 – Teaching and Activity Highlights

Great Commandments and the First Three

- What do you think are some of society’s impressions of the Ten Commandments?
- 10 Commandments--God’s gift to Israelites freed from the bondage of slavery in Egypt (+ 613 more)
 - Jesus summarized these commandments with the “Great Commandment(s)”
 - God revealing Himself – God is _____ ?
 - Thousands of years of salvation history—the Garden, Moses, Jesus, and Me (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).
 - Freedom, then (Moses) and now (Jesus)
- First three Commandments to Moses teach us love of God; last seven teach us love of neighbor (next sessions)
 - #1, “I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.” Sins – idolatry, divination/magic, tempting God, sacrilege, simony, atheism
 - #2, “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.” Sins – blasphemy against the sacred, perjury
 - #3, “Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day.”

“ [Bishop Barron on the Ten Commandments](#) “

Lesson 7 -- The Fourth Commandment and the Domestic Church



Lesson 7 – Teaching and Activity Highlights

The Fourth Commandment and the Domestic Church

- Fourth Commandment – “Honor your father and mother.”
 - CCC 2197, “God has willed that, after Him, we should honor our parents...”
 - A blessing – “...you may have a long life.” Disobedience – if we fail to obey God’s command, then “great harm to communities and to individuals” occur (CCC 2200).
- A bridge commandment
 - The “laboratory” for love since family is the most basic and universal of all relationships. The family is a divine institution—the “domestic Church”
 - Children will form their first understanding of what love is—and therefore who God is. We also learn mercy, forgiveness, trust....
 - Love learned in the family is then to be shared in society— “willing the good of the other”
- Monthly goal – pray together as a family “ *Family Prayer* “
 - Want a guided prayer suggestion for the family? Dynamic Catholic’s Decision Point, “The Prayer Process”
 - Session 4.3 “ *The Process* “
 - Session 4.4 “ *The Best Way to Learn* “



Summary

- God reveals Himself to mankind and to us as LOVE.
- Inputs & Questions?
- Assistance in chair stacking

