



A FAMILY OF *Faith*

**March 2020
Adult Meeting**

"Your True Identity: Loved"

Agenda

- Administration and Reminders
- March Family Goals
- Lesson 10 and 11 Highlights
- Questions?



Administration and Reminders

- Tuesdays of Lent @ 6p – Stations of the Cross & Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Wednesdays of Lent @ 6p – Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (1 of 5 precepts of the Church)
- PRAYER, fasting, and almsgiving—Blessed Sacrament *Exposition* – 1) every Sunday Holy Hour @ 5p; 2) every Friday 6a – 8p; 3) 24 hrs every 1st Friday (8a Fri – 8a Sat)
- Wednesday, March 18th – First Communion youth
 - **NO Confirmation meeting on 18th**
- Next RE/FBC full session on Wednesday, April 1st
- The Holy *Triduum* – Holy Thursday (Apr 9), Good Friday (Apr 10), Holy Saturday (Apr 11). Easter Sunday (Apr 12th)
- Adverse weather—follow Bellevue Public Schools
- Parish App and Parish Website—includes previous adult meetings

Intro to March Family Goals

- Better understand “The New Commandment and the Works of Mercy” (Lesson 10) and “The First Four Beatitudes” (Lesson 7)
- Discuss this month’s words to know – *New Commandment; Corporal Works of Mercy; Spiritual Works of Mercy; Beatitude; Imperfect Happiness; Perfect Happiness*
- Scripture Verse of the Month

“I give you a new commandment...” (John 13:34-35)
- Discuss St. Katharine Drexel (Saint of the Month, “Feast” = March 3rd)
- Things to do this month:
 - Choose some act to share as a family – Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving; Work of Mercy
- Remember...Loving God and our neighbor as ourselves is the surest way of showing that we are disciples of Christ. And, as disciples we bind (*religare* = religion) ourselves to Him who

“...Saves Us When We’re Lost.”

Lesson 10 -- The New Commandment and the Works of Mercy



Lesson 10 – Teaching and Activity Highlights

New Commandment and Works of Mercy (WoM)

- “New” versus “Great” Commandment

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (JN 13:34-35)

- The Last Supper – service then sacrifice--think Holy Thursday Mass. Suffering and sacrifice have meaning.

- Works of Mercy help us respond to this “commandment” to love. Holy Spirit’s grace...our response?

- The **Gifts** (knowledge, understanding, wisdom...) of the Holy Spirit transform us supernaturally
- **Fruits** (peace, patience, faithfulness, self-control...) of Holy Spirit become more noticeable in us
- **Charisms** (Administration, Teaching, Giving, Hospitality, Evangelism, Intercessory Prayer,...) of Holy Spirit become discernable (to us and others). They inspire and equip us to perform the Works of Mercy

- WoM -- Corporal (*corpus* — of the body) and Spiritual (to help others get to Heaven)

- Corporal (7) – feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead
- Spiritual (7) – instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish sinners, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offenses willingly, comfort the afflicted, and pray for the living and the dead

- Matthew 25:31+, Jesus teaches about the final judgement based on the WoM

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me...

what you did not do...will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Lesson 11 -- The First Four Beatitudes



Lesson 11 – Teaching and Activity Highlights

The First Four Beatitudes

- Augustine--“All men agree in desiring the last end, which is happiness.” What is happiness?
 - Sermon on the Mount (MT chapters 5-7) is Jesus’ revolutionary teaching. SoM begins with the eight Beatitudes (= “Blessed” = “Happy”)
 - “Blessed/Happy are...
 - the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.”
 - those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”
 - meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”
 - those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”
- Jesus’ words, example, and sacrificial love “fulfills” the law (10 Commandments and 613 mitzvot) and redeems mankind so that we may see the Beatific vision and experience eternal happiness.

“The Quest for Happiness”



Summary

- They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love.
- Inputs & Questions?
- Assistance in chair stacking

