



A FAMILY OF
Faith

**May 2020
Adult Meeting**

Agenda

- Administration and Reminders
- Family Goals
- End of Year Lesson Highlights
- Questions?



Administration and Reminders

- “First Sacrament” Masses rescheduled—unfortunately youth, immediate families, and sponsors/proxies only
 - Confirmation Mass rescheduled for May 31st (Pentecost Sunday)
 - First Holy Communion Mass rescheduled for June 14th (Corpus Christi Sunday—Body and Blood of Christ)
- Will continue Wednesday night Zoom sessions based on you/your children(s)’ interests/questions
 - Email me questions and I’ll preannounce subject
 - Open to other than Wednesday night
- Totus Tuus (Summer Youth Program) is cancelled for 2020; Chastity Education?
- Next year?
 - First Sacrament prep will happen
 - Likely July will begin registration for fall as information becomes available/available
 - Likely some integration of Blended Learning into FBC—will look for your inputs

Intro to Family Goals

- Better understand “Fifth through Eighth Beatitudes” (Lesson 12) and “Social Justice and the Mission of Christian Discipleship” (Lesson 13)
- Discuss this month’s words to know – *The Beatitudes; The Sermon on the Mount; Common Good; Due; Justice; Peace; Society; Social Justice; Solidarity*
- Scripture Verse of the Month
“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” (Matthew 5:11-12)
- Things to do this month:
 - Choose some act to share as a family – Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving; Work of Mercy
- Remember...The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus’ preaching (CCC 1716).
“What Kind of Response Does Jesus Require of Me?”

Lesson 12 -- The Fifth through the Eighth Beatitudes



Lesson 12 – Teaching and Activity Highlights

5th through 8th Beatitudes

- Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5-7) is Jesus' revolutionary teaching. SoM begins with the 8 Beatitudes (= "Blessed" = "Happy"). 5th through 8th (MT 5:7-10):
 - "Blessed/Happy are..."
 - the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
 - the clean of heart, for they will see God."
 - the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."
 - they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
- Jesus came to earth to **fulfill** the Old Law (10 Commandments) & the prophets—Messiah, Savior/Redeemer
 - The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching (CCC 1716). The perfection and fulfillment of God's plan of salvation.
 - From restriction "Thou shall not..." to sanctification "Blessed are..."
- Jesus calls (and transforms!) us to perfection..."So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." (MT 5:48)

Lesson 13 --
Social Justice and the
Mission of Christian
Discipleship



Lesson 13 – Teaching and Activity Highlights

Catholic Social Teaching and Mission of Discipleship

- The need for law, society, and government is written into human nature
 - The Great Commandment—love God and love your neighbor as yourself. The family (*domestic Church*) is the basic element of our society...and typically gets more complicated from there.
- Rights come from God (not government) and are due to our dignity as (equal) humans created in the “image and likeness”
 - Equal does not mean we are the same
 - We are called to share our time, talent, and treasure to solve the inequalities that lead to people being *unfairly* prevented from reaching their potential.
 - Justice (receiving what’s “due” from God) —a right and a responsibility.
 - Solidarity – bearing one another’s sufferings and joys (materially, spiritually,...)

“But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.” (1 Cor 12:24)

“Intentional Discipleship: Our Fundamental Catholic Identity”

Summary

- “All blessings come to us through our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding his life we find that he is the best example.” St. Teresa of Avila
- Inputs & Questions?
 - Contact me with your/your children’s questions, struggles,...
 - Future FBC (Zoom) topics

