



A FAMILY OF *Faith*

“Made for More”

**October 2019
Adult Meeting**

Agenda

- Administration and Reminders
- October Family Goals
- Lesson 1 Highlights – “Heaven: Our Final Destination”
- Lesson 2 Highlights – “Our Choice Between Live and Death”
- Questions?



Administration and Reminders

- Wed, Oct 16th session for First Confession and First Communion Families (“2nd” Grade)
 - Adults **and** Youth from 6:30p to 7:45p. Separate classrooms – adults in Bldg 1 (closest to 36th St.)
 - Sacrament of first Penance and Reconciliation – Wednesday, Dec 11th @ 6:30p
 - Sacrament of first Holy Eucharist/Communion – Sunday, Apr 26th @ 1:00p
- Adverse weather—follow Bellevue Public Schools
- Circle of Care = Circle of Grace (youth) + Safe Environment (adults)
 - Initial Safe Environment Training – Saturday, October 19th , 9:00a, here (Multi-use area)
- St. Matthew “Mardi Gras” Parish Social Extravaganza – Friday, Feb 21st 2020
- Next RE/FBC full session, Wednesday November 6th
- Parish App and Parish Website—includes previous adult meetings

Intro to October Family Goals

- Scripture Verse of the Month
“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)
- Discuss this month’s words to know – *Heaven, Parable, Image of God, Immortal Soul, Original Sin, Sanctifying Grace*
- Better understand “Heaven: Our Final Destination” (Lesson 1)
- Better understand “Our Choice Between Life and Death” (Lesson 2)
- Discuss St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (Saint of the Month, Feast = October 16th)
- Things to do this month:
 - October is month of the **Holy Rosary**. Pray it as a family.
 - Pray in front of the **Blessed Sacrament**. Weekly Sunday Holy Hour from 5-6pm in Chapel.
- Remember...God made each and every person to be with Him forever in Heaven.

Lesson 1 -- Heaven: Our Final Destination



Lesson 1 – Teaching and Activity Highlights

Heaven Our Final Destination

- God created and calls us to an eternal destination with Him – a perfected share in His Divine life
 - Heaven – we “see” God and enter into His joy and rest
- Our “Life in Christ” is the journey to this destination – journey also an (imperfect) share in His Divine life
- “Life in Christ” is the 3rd (of 4) sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)--the Catholic understanding and teachings on the Ten Commandments and the eight Beatitudes (from the Sermon on the Mount, MT 5).
 - “Beatitude” = “blessedness” “happiness”
- Decalogue = “ten words” spoken to Moses by God as Jews delivered from Egyptian slavery.
 - Still apply to Christians today...but with deeper understanding from Jesus’ teachings – “...I have not come to abolish but to fulfill.” (MT 5:17-18)
 - 10 Commandments a “Typology” (foreshadow) of salvation history thousands of years later—freedom from slavery to sin
- Beatitudes are paradoxes...but reflect our imperfect share in the Divine life. Hope when undergoing trials and difficulties.
 - “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

[“For Everyone Doubting Themselves.”](#)

Lesson 2 -- Our Choice Between Life and Death

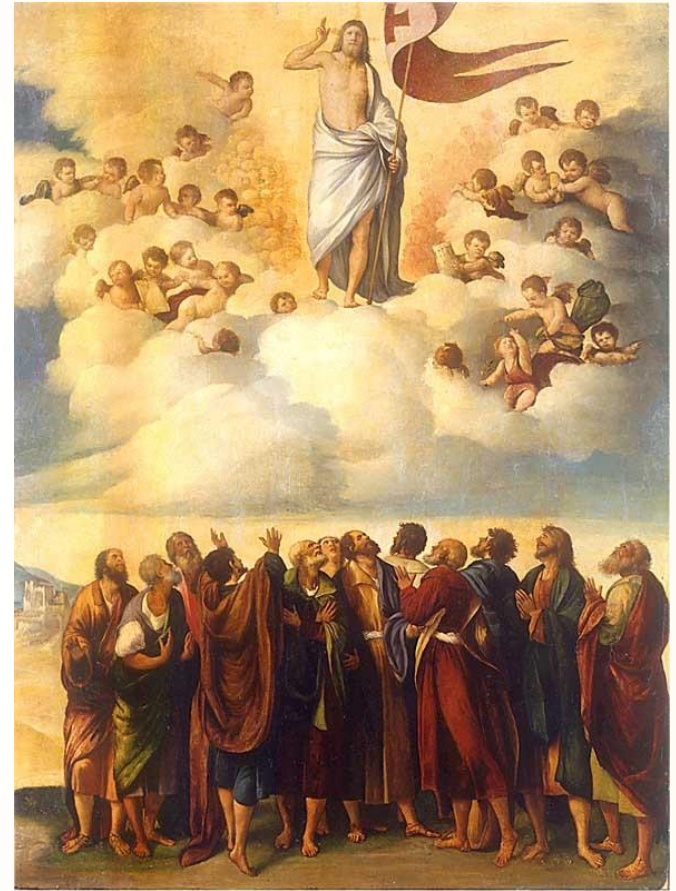


Lesson 2 -- Teaching and Activity Highlights

Our Choice Between Life and Death

- We are made in the image and likeness of God – the dignity of each human being
 - The human – the only creature on earth that God has willed for his own sake. (CCC 1703)
 - We have intellect and free will (freedom). We are “hard wired” (natural law) to seek truth (intellect) and love/beauty (will)
 - Freedom in the garden—to know good **and** evil. Freedom truly means to chose to love or not. Eden and Bellevue.
“Living a Life of Meaning.”
- Our immortal soul (spirit):
 - Destiny -- (with our “glorified” bodies) eternally in heaven or hell. Since fall, a disharmony between body and soul. Sin is attractive.
 - Currently also in the spiritual realm – “I believe...of all things visible and invisible.”
 - God gives us sanctifying grace – fully through His Church (Sacraments, prayer life, liturgy, teachings, etc.).
 - Harmony of body and soul (self-mastery) increases and therefore holiness increases.
 - Our soul--where we know, freely choose, and love (this does develop – “form conscience”)
 - Potpourri—”The balance of guilt and forgiveness”—forming conscience, receiving Sacraments (heal and strengthen), spiritual direction and/or pastoral counseling
“God loves us so much that He meets us where we are...but loves us too much to leave us there.”
“Can People Really Change?”

- What catches your eye?
- Why/what is the dividing line in the painting?
- Can you picture yourself/your children in the painting?
- This is known as “The Ascension”—the end of Christ’s earthly ministry. Why here in our year?



Summary

- God made each and every person to be with Him forever in Heaven.
- Inputs & Questions?
- Assistance in chair stacking

