

*We'll Begin When Youth Are Settled
in Their Classrooms*



A FAMILY OF
Faith

**October 2020
Adult Meeting**

Agenda

- Forming the parent (guardian, grandparent, sponsor..), who forms the child.
- Something beautiful, something practical, and something on your mind
- Administration and Reminders
- October Family Goals
- Lesson 1 and 2 Highlights
- Questions?



Administration and Reminders

- Wednesday, October 21st—First Communion and Confirmation (Zoom) sessions
 - Need “Official Information Sheets” by end of November (forms in back)
 - Wednesday, November 4th , 7pm Dedication Mass. Weekend Masses then go to 5p on Saturday and 9:30a on Sunday
 - Next RE/FBC full session on Wednesday, **November 18th** (NOT “1st Wednesday”)
 - Prayer/Adoration opportunities (see bulletin for more information)
 - Fridays 6a to Saturdays 8a
 - Sundays 5-6p Holy Hour
 - Mondays 8:15p Prayer for Election
 - Every Mass
 - Parent Guide and Activity Book available (please wait if signing up after 2 Sep)
 - Volunteer in classroom or administrative?
 - Adverse weather—follow Bellevue Public Schools
- Parish App and Parish Website—includes previous adult meetings



Intro to October Family Goals

- Better understand “What Is Prayer?” (Lesson 1) and “Prayer in Salvation History” (Lesson 2)
- Discuss this month’s words to know – *Prayer; Covenant; Covenant Drama; Mediator or Intercessor*
- Scripture Verse of the Month
“*Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst...welling up to eternal live*”
(John 4:14)
- Discuss St. Teresa of Avila (Saint of the Month, “Feast” = October 15th)
- Things to do this month:
 - October is the “Month of the Rosary”...learn more about it and pray it as a family
- Remember...Prayer is a gift from God. And, as disciples we bind (*religare* = religion) ourselves to Him who

“ *...calls us to pray.* ”

Lesson 1 -- What is Prayer?



Paolo
Veronese's
*Christ and the
Samaritan
Woman*



Lesson 1 – Teaching and Activity Highlights

What is Prayer?

- The Samaritan Woman (JN 4:4-26)
 - “...the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (JN 4:14)
 - A conversation transforms a life. What do we want for our children? Most importantly...
- “**Prayer** is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God.” (CCC 2559)
- Prayer is a gift from God—He initiates (love)...we humbly respond (availability and honesty). The well encounter.
- Prayer is intimacy, heart-to-heart. The heart is where we know, we love, and we choose. How frequently?
- The relationship with God is a **covenant**—a sacred and holy agreement that God makes with His people
 - Covenant entered into at Baptism; sustained in other Sacraments
- God thirsts for us, and has put in our hearts a thirst for Him.
- Don’t be discouraged. A technique (others in the future), “praying like a pirate”
 - A – Acknowledge
 - R – Relate
 - R – Receive
 - R – Respond
- “Yes” “Not Yet” “I’ve got something better in mind”

Lesson 2 -- Prayer in Salvation History



Lesson 2 – Teaching and Activity Highlights

Prayer in Salvation History

- Prayer relationship throughout Salvation History
- Salvation history is a **Covenant drama** (CCC 2567)—God pursues, people break the promise. Adam & Eve, Noah, Abram/Abraham, Moses/10 Commandments, the Temple...and ...fulfilled in Christ

*Take this, all of you, and drink from it; this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the **new and everlasting covenant**.*

It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Eucharistic Prayer II

- A *call* (from God to us) and a *response* (from us to God)
A simple prayer—“God help me be attentive to your will and responsive to your grace.”
- Moses the **Intercessor (Mediator)** **prefigures** Jesus who sends us “...to go and bear fruit that will remain...”

“Having a Personal Relationship”

Summary

“For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.”

St. Teresa of Avila

- Inputs & Questions?
- Assistance in chair sanitizing and stacking



Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for bringing all of us here together. Thank you for the gift of our families and our community here in this parish. Please give us the grace to thirst for you as you thirst for us. Come and dwell in our hearts and give us your life-giving water to drink, so that we may be transformed for love of you and share your love with others.

