



Family Faith Sundays 2017-2018 Themes

“Living as Missionary Disciples as Families”

Family Faith Sunday is where Good News families gather to:

- Hear and experience God’s Word and celebrate Eucharist together.
- Engage in discussions relevant to our daily lives as families of faith.
- Supporting parents and guardians as the primary teachers of the faith.

October 1 – Living out our Baptismal Calling as Missionary Disciples

Baptism, the sacrament of the beginning of new life in Christ. As Missionary Disciples, we live out our baptismal promises each day. One of the ways to keep our focus on the centrality of our baptism is to remember and celebrate the anniversary of our Baptism.

Matthew 21:28-31 Reflecting on the Word:

“What we say and what we do are sometimes different. Jesus points out that both are important, but what we do and the ways we act in the world will have the larger impact”.

November 5 – Living the Beatitudes

The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus’ preaching. They take up the promises made to the chosen people since Abraham. The Beatitudes fulfill the promises by ordering them to no longer merely to the possession of a territory, but to the Kingdom of Heaven.

1 John 3:1-3 Reflecting on the Word:

The Gospel reading for all Saints Day recounts Jesus’ proclamation of the Beatitudes.

December 3 – No faith formation programs as all families are welcome to celebrate the Fiesta after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Walmesley Center

January 7 - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord - Procession with the Wise Men during the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

“When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?”

Matthew 2:7-12 Reflecting on the Word:

The presence of the Magi illustrates that Jesus came to heal the world, not just a select group of people. These travelers from afar show just how powerful the message of hope and forgiveness is. God reaches out with love to all people without regard to their country of origin.

February 4 – Giving Thanks to God

The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for all his benefits, for all he has accomplished through creation,

Mark 1:29-39 Reflecting on the Word:

“For this purpose, I have come”, Jesus said. Jesus preached and healed. He did not build anything, or rule, or invent anything. Through his preaching and healing, other things were set in place. People who have been healed and have heard the Good News no longer live in fear or want”.

March 4 - Journey of Hope and preparing for New Life

Lent is a penitential season in preparation for the very important hold days of our Christian faith, the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

John 2:13-17 reflecting on the Word:

In the Gospel, we notice that Jesus had strong emotions at times. The story illustrates how fully human Jesus truly was, and how if we are to be holy, we must fully embrace our humanness too.

April 1 - No Family Faith Sunday – Easter Sunday

May 6 – Mary the Mother of God

“By pronouncing her “fiat” at the Annunciation and giving her consent to the Incarnation, Mary was already collaborating with the world work her Son was to accomplish. She is mother whenever he is Savior and head of the Mystical Body”. CCC, #973-974

John 15:9-10 Reflecting on the Word:

Jesus said to his disciples: “As the Father loves me, so I also love you.

Our faith formation programs end May 20st Have a great summer!

Vacation Bible Camp will be June 25th through June 29th