# Welcome to Family Religious Education!

Session 7 - The Resurrection of Jesus March 17th, 2019



#### **Opening Prayer**

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord

All: Both now and forever.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord

All: Who made the heaven and the earth.

#### Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after this had been said, he took with him Peter, John and James and went up the mountain to pray.

And it happened that, as he was praying, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became sparkling white. And suddenly there were two men talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they woke up and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what he was saying. As he was saying this, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid.

And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.'

And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

### Reflection

1. What does the passage reveal about Jesus?

- 2. What thoughts, feelings, or desires does this passage bring up in me?
- 3. What would the Lord like to do in response?

# **Closing Prayer:**

Lord God, You loved this world so much, That you gave your one and only Son, That we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace

Let us have hearts of thankfulness For your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that grace And tell your good news to the world. All for your glory we pray, Lord, Amen.

# Quick Clean Up

All parents are asked to help clean up our space. Kitchen volunteers will provide you with tools and instructions.

Thank you!



- 1. Lessons reference schedule on <u>www.stmarypinckney.org/religious-education</u>
- 2. Payment all invoices have been mailed; Please pay as much as you are able now. Invoices will be sent out monthly from this point on.
  - a. If in need of scholarship assistance, please contact me.
- 3. How is family prayer, fasting, and almsgiving going?



- Paschal Mystery
  - Resurrection is the culmination of the past two sessions (Class 5 & 6)

• Includes the - Life, Death, and Resurrection

**1085** During **his earthly life Jesus announced his Paschal mystery by his teaching and anticipated it by his actions**. When his Hour comes, he lives out the unique event of history which does not pass away: Jesus dies, is buried, rises from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father "once for all."<sup>8</sup>

His Paschal mystery is a real event that occurred in our history, but it is unique: all other historical events happen once, and then they pass away, swallowed up in the past. The Paschal mystery of Christ, by contrast, cannot remain only in the past, because by his death he destroyed death, and all that Christ is - all that he did and suffered for all men - participates in the divine eternity, and so transcends all times while being made present in them all. **The event of the Cross and Resurrection abides and draws everything toward life**.

- Incarnation (class 3 & 4)
  - In order to "raise up" our fallen human nature in the Resurrection, the Son of God had to become "Man."
  - Resurrection is the fulfillment or the reason why God became Man.
  - "Christ's Resurrection is *closely linked to the Incarnation of God's Son* and is its *fulfillment* in accordance with God's eternal plan" (CCC 653).

- Provides new life after The Fall (Class 1 & 2)
  - Justification "the gracious action of God which frees us from sin and communicates (i.e. gives to us) the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 3:22).
    - remission of sins, the sanctification, and renewal of the interior human person (CCC 1987-1989)

- Sanctification "make holy" healing of our human nature that was wounded by Original Sin and sins we commit
  - healed in our nature by God's Grace which gives us a share in the actual life of God

"Scripture calls the abode of the dead, to which the dead Christ went down, "hell" -Sheol in Hebrew or Hades in Greek- because those who are there are deprived of the vision of God. Such is the case for all the dead, whether evil or righteous, while they await the redeemer: which does not mean that their lot is identical as Jesus shows through the parable of the poor man Lazarus who was received into "Abraham's bosom": It is precisely these holy souls, who awaited their Savior in Abraham's bosom, whom Christ the Lord delivered when he descended into hell. Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him." (CCC 633)

CCC 633- 2 important things:

This paragraph distinguishes between "Sheol" (Hebrew) "Hades" (Greek) and "Gehenna", which is the hell of the damned.

This also affirms the reality of salvation for those righteous and the reality of eternal damnation for those who are unrighteous.

John 5:28-29 "Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment."

Daniel 12:2 "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt."

Acts 24:15- "There shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked."

CCC 634 and 635 "Christ went down into the depths of death so that 'the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.' Jesus, the Author of life, 'by dying destroyed 'him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and delivered all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage."

The bodily resurrection of Jesus is not a return to an earthly life as with Lazarus and others who Jesus had previously revived. This is a completely different event; at Jesus' resurrection, "his body is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit," and his human body is completely glorified.

Jesus offers this resurrection unto glory and unto eternal life to all who believe in Him. "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day... just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me." (John 6:54-55)

Repent Believe Follow Abide

#### **Small Group**

After the resurrection, Jesus' physical body experiences a totally new life. After receiving Jesus in a personal relationship, we are invited into a totally new life. Have you experienced this totally new life?

What does it mean to you that you are an adopted son or daughter of God?

Jesus' story about the rich man and Lazarus speaks of the urgency of belief: ("if they will not believe the prophets, neither would they believe if someone were to rise from the dead"). Do you believe there is anything at stake in whether a person comes to faith in Jesus?

#### **Small Group**

Considering the wheel-barrow analogy, have you ever taken a risk of faith and done something that would fail without Jesus?

How many things in your life make no sense unless the Gospel is true?

- Restored relationship with God new Adam
- Adopted by God receive benefits of sonship = eternal life

Romans 8: 14-17 "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him."

- "We are the brethren not by nature, but by the gift of grace, because that adoptive filiation gains us a real share in the life of the only Son, which was fully revealed in His Resurrection" (CCC 654).
- Accept adoption through baptism
  - "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God." (CCC 1213)

- **Remission of sins** "the forgiveness of sins, which is accomplished in us through faith and Baptism" (CCC Glossary, p. 896).
  - Faith and Baptism come as a result of the redemptive sacrifice of Christ on the Cross.
- New life in the Spirit and adoption by God available because of Christ's death and resurrection
- Sanctifying Grace share in God's life
  - Adam and Eve lost this participation with The Fall
  - We gain God's life back through Sanctifying Grace given in Baptism

- **Recap**: What does the Resurrection mean for me?
  - Gift of Baptism via the New Adam's sacrifice
  - Baptism allows for adoption by God
  - We participate in Christ's being through baptism
  - Christ lives in us and we become crafted to Christ
    - Ex. metal in fire

# FREP 2019-20

Based on Survey:

- Monthly class and breakfast continues
- Optional second class (in between Masses)
  - Kids review with catechist
  - Parents ask questions, learn something new (ie Adoration), discuss with others

# **Lenten Activities**

Family Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

- Prayer - Options in box & Stations of the Cross

- Fasting - Family night with no devices

- Almsgiving - Rice Bowls

## Lenten Activities @ St. Mary

In addition to you family prayer, fasting, and almsgiving try some of these great opportunities!

Communal Penance - March 26th @ 7pm Stations of the Cross - Every Friday after the Fish Fry (7pm)

### Volunteer & Fellowship



#### MENU

- Baked or Beer Battered Fried Fish
- Choice of Potato (French Fries, Scalloped or Baked)
- Beets, Cole Slaw
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Cut Veggies, Jell-O
- Homemade Rolls
- Homemade Desserts
- Milk, Coffee, Tea, Punch

Join us each Friday during Lent March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12







Individual Size Cheese Pizza

## See you next time!

Next class is on April 28th.

Consider serving at a Men's Club breakfast (April 7th) or Friday Fish Fry (Every Friday starting March 8th) \*See email for details.

Don't forget to complete the respond and reflect at each chapter, to pray with your children daily, and to review the Sunday readings before coming to Mass.