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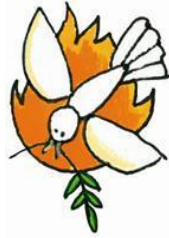
In these four weeks, the Psalms sing of the joy we discover in following God. We are challenged to be light and joy in the world, to trust in God's abundant love, and to realize that in obedience to God we truly will find ultimate peace.

Week One: Psalm 112:4-9

Week Two: Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Week Three: Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Week Four: Psalm 62: 2-3, 6-9



"Fashion Me a People" Conference

On January 6-8, Father Duaine, Fred Brusco and I attended the Adult Faith Formation conference in Orlando, Florida. The weather was good, at least by Michigan standards. The company was great and the conference was superlative. I would like to share a bit of it with you.

A Catholic evangelist-songwriter, Grayson Warren Brown, in his presentation, asked us to imagine that Jesus was standing at the door of our parish on a Sunday morning asking people as they came in, "Why are you here?" Why did you come to Mass today?" He was receiving a number of different responses. A young married couple said, "We came to worship you, Lord." Jesus replied that he did not need people to tell him how great he was. He was fully aware of his talents. A teen said that he came to pray. Jesus told him that he could pray at home in private. He did not need to come to church to pray. An older couple said that coming to church was what they did on every Sunday morning for nearly fifty years. Jesus replied that he was glad that they had been faithful but that did not answer his question.

A young working mother, with a baby in her arms, said that she needed Mass to help her clear her head from all the difficulties she was facing. Jesus graciously thanked them all for coming but was still searching for a correct answer. Finally a young girl, who has just made her first communion the previous week, came up to Jesus and answered his question. "I came to receive you into my heart and ask you what you wanted me to do this week for you." Jesus bent over and kissed the child.

Brown's point was very simple. Our church should not be judged by what we do on Sunday morning, but rather how Sunday morning affects what we do the rest of the week.

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To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others.

Pope John Paul II



February FAMILY ACTIVITY from

www.fashioningfaith.com.

What does it mean "To Forgive?"

"To Forgive" is one element of the Family Pledge of Nonviolence.* *to apologize and make amends when I have hurt another, to forgive others, and to keep from holding grudges.*

(To see the whole Pledge of Nonviolence, go to www.ipj-ppj.org/Families.htm.)

The three parts of forgiving are:

1. Apologize (I'm sorry.)
2. Ask forgiveness.
3. Make amends.

Many people can say the first two parts of forgiveness pretty easily and quickly. Making amends; (fixing what we did wrong or redeeming ourselves) can be more difficult. Discuss the kinds of arguments, offenses, or bad behaviors that typically occur in your family. Here are some examples to get you started:

Bad behaviors

Ways to make amend

Not being ready to leave on time _____

Not cleaning up toys, dishes, clothes _____

Yelling or crying when you don't get your way _____

Messing up something that belongs to another _____

Not doing an agreed upon chore _____

Teasing or fighting _____

Others _____

Now, brainstorm ways that a person who has done something wrong can make amends and redeem him/herself. For example, if someone breaks something, they should fix it or pay for it. If someone constantly teases another family member, he or she could commit to saying two sincere compliments for each unkind comment. If someone doesn't clean up, she or he could clean up an extra area to make up for it.

"My soul rests in God alone, from whom comes my salvation.

God alone is my rock and salvation, my secure height, I shall never fall."

Psalms 62: 2-3

During the cold winter months the trees are dormant, the ground is covered with snow, and the air is crisp and clear.

While we wait for the renewal of spring; with its warm air, sunshine and all things blooming lets gather and grow spiritually together. During this Lenten Season the Parish Council members will be hosting weekly study sessions using the book



"Rediscovering Catholicism."

1st Week of Lent

Chapter 3 Is Jesus still Relevant?

2nd Week of Lent

Chapter 16 Fasting and Prayer

3rd Week of Lent

Chapter 12 Confession

4th Week of Lent

Chapter 13 Daily Prayer

5th Week of Lent

Chapter 17 Spiritual Reading

6th Week of Lent

Chapter 8 Even a Blind Man Knows

Look for more information in future bulletins.

What will the new Missal mean in my parish?

In the months before the revised translation is implemented, parishes will have to do many things. The parish will have to replace liturgical books and participation aids. Priests will practice proclaiming the new texts and will prepare homilies helping the faithful to understand the new translation and to deepen their appreciation for the Liturgy. The music ministers and the people will learn new musical settings for the parts of the Mass. Catechists and teachers will help parishioners learn the new prayers. Parishes may also use this opportunity to undertake a thorough reexamination of their liturgical practices.

From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2010.

