

Saint Boniface Parish

Faith Formation Handout – Sunday, August 23rd

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.



How does the greatness of God call me into mission?

First Grade

God is amazing!! What are ten things that God does or has done that no human could ever do? What is your favorite thing that shows how great and amazing God is? Who is someone that you can talk with about that amazing thing this week? How will you describe I to them? Practice what you will say now. Telling them can help them to see how great God is!

Second Grade

What are three amazing things that you have seen in your life? What made them so great and amazing? Who are the people that you have told about them? Do you think God is great and amazing? What makes Him great and amazing? Who are the people that you have talked with about God? Who can you talk with this week?

Third and Fourth Grades

To be called into mission means that God is asking us to not only believe in Him, but to also do actions to show that we believe and love Him. What are five things that you do that show that you believe in God and love Him? How do you think He is calling you to love others? What good things is He calling you to do to help someone else?

Fifth and Sixth Grades

In today's Gospel, because he loves Jesus, Peter declares that Jesus is the Son of the Living God! What do you think he meant when he said that to Jesus? Have you ever prayed and talked with God and told Him how you believed in Him or what questions you have? If Jesus was standing in front of you now, what would you say to Him?

Seventh and Eighth Grades

In today's Gospel Jesus asks the disciples who they say that He is. How would you answer that question if He asked you today? Who is God? Why is He someone that should be worshipped and loved above all other people and things? Would you answer that question the same way if a friend asked you what you thought about God?

High School and Adults

When we see something or someone we like or love it causes us to do something about it. When was the last time you saw something or someone that you loved, and it moved you to go after it/them? What did you have to do? Was there something you had to sacrifice or give up for the other person? Do you love God? What has your love for Him caused you to do?

For this Week...

We are Catholic always and in everything we do. Throughout the week bring your faith into your school, your work, your play and your family. Here are some ideas for you.

Monday

First, do you know how great God is? His glory and greatness can be seen in so many ways. One of them is by looking around you and seeing the ways that He keeps the world moving. Today, in your prayer make a list of at least 10 ways that you can see God's work in creation. These can be ways that He has moved in your life, in another's life, or in nature.

Tuesday

Another way that we can know of God's greatness is in the Bible. By reading the Bible we can hear about the amazing things that He has done. Today, during your prayer read the Bible and hear about the greatness of God. You can read your favorite part, but if you don't have one, start at the beginning and read about when God created everything!

Wednesday

After we can see and know the greatness of God, then we should be moved to want to have a relationship with Him. What is it about God's love and mercy that moves us? Today, take at least ten minutes of quiet to pray and think about how you would describe your relationship with God. Is it what you want it to be or are there things that you would like to work on?

Thursday

As we grow in our relationship with God, we will see more and more how He is calling us to love in more and more amazing ways. How are you loving people each day? Today, throughout the day take every opportunity to love the people around you. This usually means doing every good thing you can for the people around you, not just your friends and family.

Friday

When we realize the greatness of God, we then can also realize that He is bigger than our problems. Today, trust in God and start or continue working on a struggle that you have in your life. Perhaps it is a new struggle or a long time battle. Trust in Him that God in His greatness will be with you every moment throughout the hard work and struggle!

Saturday

In Sunday's Gospel Jesus gave the Apostles and their successors the authority to forgive sins. Confession is one of the seven Sacraments, and one that can receive often. Today, move into action (mission) and either go to Confession today or put a time in to your schedule when you will go, and then be sure to go! Call the church if you don't know when and where to go.



When you **love God more** than you love the comfort of home, you will go far.

FROM THE CATECHISM...

'Having been divinely sent to the nations that she might be 'the universal sacrament of salvation,' the Church, in obedience to the command of Her Founder and because it is demanded by Her own essential universality, strives to preach the Gospel to all men': 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and Lo, I am with you always, until the close of the age.'

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 849

Next Week's Readings

Here are the readings for next Sunday so that on Saturday you can read through them. If you take a few minutes to read them and prepare, you will get a lot more from Mass. They are available online at www.usccb.org. Use the calendar on the right.

Ecclesiastes 1:1;2:21-23 Psalm 90:3-4,5-6,12-12,14&17 Colossians 3:1-5,9-11 Luke 12:13-21

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