



Family Rosary Curriculum (FRC)

Catechetical Evangelization - Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation



Week 14 - The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

Parents - Instructions: Before beginning this lesson, please take a few minutes together as a couple, or by yourself, to read and reflect on the “Scripture Reading” and “Discussion Questions”. Next, read the Scripture passage and the lesson to/with your child(ren). Then, as a family, discuss a few of the questions. Parents, please be sure to share *your* answers, thoughts, and questions with your child(ren) as well. It’s ok to not know everything about our faith. Your parish leadership is happy to help you find answers.

Scripture Reading: [Mark 1:14-15](#)

Virtue: Repentance & Trust in God

“Turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.” Isaiah 55:7

Theme: “Sacrament” & Reconciliation

“The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel”, we hear Jesus say as he begins his public ministry. This is an incredible and new thing! In Jesus Christ, the kingdom of God is here, now! (And fully experienced in heaven.) How do we live our lives here and now in the kingdom of God? Jesus gives us a plan and tools to accomplish the plan. He tells us to “repent and believe in the gospel”. To repent we must first notice and admit that we have sinned. There are times in our lives when we do not love God, our neighbor, or ourselves as God loves us. We then ask for forgiveness, trust in God’s mercy and grace, and commit to living our lives in union with His great love. The Sacrament of Reconciliation helps us with this.

Jesus gave us the gift of the sacraments and a family we call the Church, to help us “repent and believe in the gospel”. The sacraments are amazing gifts that allow us to experience God’s love in ways that we can see, touch, hear, smell, and taste! In the sacraments, we are able to receive God’s very life into us and be changed to be more like Jesus Christ! This is not a one-time thing. Repentance and conversion are something we are called to experience over and over again.

Jesus asks us to “repent and believe in the gospel”. The word gospel means “good news”. Remember a few weeks ago we talked about the angel telling the shepherds, “Do not be afraid...I proclaim to you good news of great joy...for all the people” (Luke 2:10). So after we repent we are called to believe and live the Good News of great joy and courageously share it with all people, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Parents - Read to/with Child(ren):

Discussion Questions (to help start the family conversation)

Young Child(ren) (& 1st Reconciliation/1st Communion Students)

1. Parents please share what it’s like to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation (even if you don’t remember all the steps or parts).
2. What are some creative ways we can remind ourselves each day that, because of our baptism, God is living and loving, in and through us?

Older Child(ren) (& Confirmation Students)

1. Why is it important to repent in order to fully believe and live the Good News?
2. How do we show God’s mercy to one another? Is there someone God is calling you to forgive?



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Prayer: Each day this week, as a family, please pray the **Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be & O My Jesus** Prayer. Also one day this week pray **one Decade of the Rosary** reflecting on this Mystery of Light: The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God.

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