

Sixth Sunday of Easter Gospel Guide: Sunday, May 17, 2020

Welcome & Prayer (5 mins)

Prayer

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord, and that what we live in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Our Father

Icebreaker-Object Stories

Collect together a number of objects and place them in a dark colored bag. The items can include everyday items i.e. a pencil, cup, toy, but also include some more unusual ones too i.e. a fossil, holiday item, wigs. Pass the bag around the group and invite each person to grab something out of the bag, without looking. The leader begins a story which contains their item. After 20 seconds, the next person adds onto the story using their item. And so on, until everyone has made a contribution to your epic story. Let imaginations run wild!

Check In

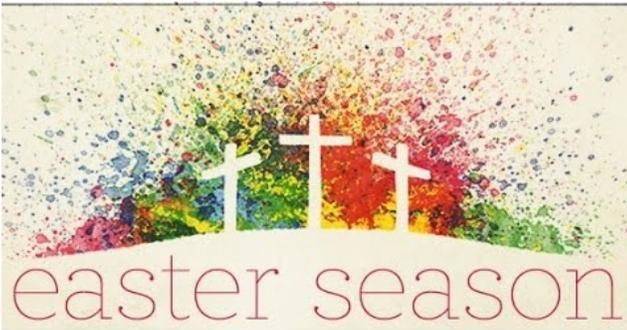
How did we do on last week's commitment? Did we accomplish it?

Proclaim Gospel: John 14:15-21 (10 mins)

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Silence, let people reflect, Wait some time here & watch the Video on Formed.org

Proclaim Gospel again followed by silence



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Questions (20-25 mins)

1. What does this passage/reading say to you?
Or what struck you?
2. What does it mean to keep the Commandments?
3. What does love have to do with the Commandments?
4. Describe the Holy Spirit in your own words. Who or what is it in your life?
5. During this Easter season, we dive more into the Last Supper and the events/dialogue that happened. If you were one of the apostles, what would be your thoughts during this? Jesus is discussing so many things. Would you be confused, overwhelmed, not able to remember everything, excited to learn more, wanting more time to process all of this etc.?

Commitment (5-10 mins)

Make a commitment that your family can do together this week or individually.

Examples: May 16 was Armed Forces day-do something nice for Fr. Mike or someone else you know in the military, Learn more about the Ascension , Pray the rosary together as a family, Do something nice for a graduating senior either high school or college, Read a book in a week, Ring the doorbell of people and Run (chat with them from your car or driveway)

May is the month of the Rosary, Creative Beginnings Month, Family Wellness month, Get Caught Reading Month, Global Health and Fitness Month, Homeschool awareness Month, Military Appreciation Month, National BBQ Month, National Bicycling Month, and National Family Month

*Do some of these things and celebrate!

Closing Prayer

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

MARY, Mother of Jesus, Intercede for all our needs.

Say your Intercessions

Hail Mary... Glory Be...