

Weekly Family Catechesis Sheet November 17, 2024

This week's Mass readings: Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16:5-11
Hebrews 10:11-18
Mark 13:24-32

This week's Mass readings direct us to thinking about the sacrifice Jesus made for each of us. Think about it, not only did God take on human form in the person of Jesus (more on all that means another day), but God had this perfect being, Jesus, die for our sins. He gave His only Son to make up for all the unloving things we do. This is the foundation of our Christian faith. That God loves us so incredibly much that he allowed his Son to die so that we might be free from our sins.

Many of us live our lives without thought of this sacrifice. We go about our day doing some good things, doing some not good things, with little thought about the freedom God offers us to be rid of all the not good things. When we believe that God wants us to leave all the not good behind and try to live our lives the way Jesus would have us live we find peace and joy.

Is it always easy to live as Jesus would have us live? No. But that is exactly why we come to Mass and Faith Formation classes, so that we can find the hope and the encouragement to keep living in joy. It is through continually seeking Christ that we will "shine brightly" as Daniel tells us and as we "lead many (including ourselves) to justice (we) shall be like the stars forever." Shining for Christ forever sounds pretty good, don't you think?

Do you think "What would Jesus do" when you are considering doing something?

How does Jesus want us to act each day? What are things He wants us to do?

What is one way you can shine brightly and show Christ's love and joy this week?

What is one thing you learned today in class that you would like to share with your family?

Saint quote of the week:

