

**ASSUMPTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
THIRD GRADE CALENDAR OF LESSONS 2019-2020
FRIDAYS, FAITH & FAMILY**

TEXT: Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts

The Faith of a Third Grader: In their journey of faith, third graders enjoy learning about the heroes of the Bible and the stories of the people of God. Because they value the attitudes and habits of important adults in their lives, learning about virtues and moral habits is critical at this stage of faith formation. Third graders begin to realize that true happiness comes from knowing and loving God. You can expect your third grader to:

- Appreciate and want to participate in the community dimension of sacramental celebrations
- Enjoy having a role in liturgical experiences
- Delight in learning about Biblical saints and persons of faith in the Church
- Relate to saints as role models who stand for morality, justice and faith
- Like to participate in community service

This calendar of lessons is being provided to you so you will know what will be discussed each month. It will also guide you in completing lessons at home if your son or daughter is absent.

DATE: TOGETHER TONIGHT: AT HOME, BEFORE NEXT MONTH: FOCUS:

9/27/19	Welcome. Unit 1 Opener Session 1: Created to Be Happy	Session 2: Created to Be Together	God's beauty is reflected in all of creation. God created all things out of love, Jesus came to tell us of God's love, and the Holy Spirit helps us show God's love to others.
10/25/19	Session 3: God Is Our Father	Session 4: Jesus Is With Us	Jesus, the Son of God, teaches us to pray the Lord's Prayer. The Salvation promised in the Old Testament is fulfilled in Jesus.
11/22/19	Unit 2 Opener Session 6: Jesus' Good News	Session 7: Following Jesus	Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of God by using parables. Jesus calls us to love God and others by following the Ten Commandments.
12/6/20	Session 8: Jesus Gathers Disciples Session 9: Jesus Dies and Rises	Session 10: Celebrating Advent Session 15: Celebrating Christmas	Jesus invites his followers to work together to spread God's love. God loves us so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus, to save us through his life, death, and Resurrection.
1/10/20	Unit 3 Opener Session 11: Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit	Session 12: The Catholic Church	The Holy Spirit helps us today by teaching us to be witnesses to Jesus. Jesus calls us to be part of the Catholic Church, which is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

2/7/20	Session 13: The Church Prays Unit 4 Opener Session 16: Sacraments of Initiation	Session 17: Celebrating Reconciliation	Jesus gives us the sacraments to help us worship God. We belong to the People of God and receive the Holy spirit. God always forgives us when we are sorry.
2/22/20	Pasta Supper & Basket Raffle Religious Education Fundraiser		School Cafeteria. Seatings at 5 & 7 p.m. Take-out Available Purchase Tickets on Parish Website
2/26/20	Ash Wednesday Prayer Service	4:00 p.m.	Church. Masses 7:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
2/28/20	Session 18: Celebrating the Eucharist	Session 19: Christian Living	The Mass is the most important celebration in the Church. God gives us special talents and abilities to share with others.
3/20/20	<i>FFF goes to the Interfaith Food Pantry, Morris Plains</i>	Session 20: Celebrating Lent and Holy Week Session 25: Celebrating Easter	To explore how Lent and Holy Week and Easter are celebrated in our Church.
4/5/20	<i>Palm Sunday</i>		
4/12/20	<i>Easter Sunday</i>		
4/17/20	Unit 5 Opener Session 21: Faith, Hope, and Charity	Session 22: Making Good Choices	The virtues of faith, hope, and charity help us to lead a Christian life. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can make good moral choices.
5/8/20	Session 23: Living as God's Children Session 24: All Life Is Sacred		Jesus helps us to love and respect one another. As Catholics we are called to be aware of the needs of other people and of all creation.

Please Note: As participants in Fridays, Faith and Family, it is expected that your family will make every effort to attend every session and will keep up with the assigned lessons to be completed "at home, before next month." If not, a large portion of information necessary for continuing faith formation is lost. Irregular attendance and assignments that are left incomplete will automatically prevent your family from participating in FFF next year. If you find this too difficult to adhere to, please speak with Linda as soon as possible.