

**ASSUMPTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
THIRD GRADE CALENDAR OF LESSONS 2016-2017
FRIDAYS, FAITH & FAMILY**

TEXT: Be My Disciples

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:

9/16/2016	Welcome Unit One Opener Ch. 1: God Speaks to Us	Ch. 2: God the Creator	To explore Sacred Scripture as God's Word. To discover God as the loving Creator who cares for all his creation.
10/14/2016	Ch. 3: Mary Trusted God	Ch. 4: Jesus, the Son of God Ch. 5: Jesus is Risen	To discover ways Mary responded to God in faith and trust. To explore Jesus' command to help those in need. To explore the hope found in the Paschal Mystery.
11/18/2016	A Walk Through the Mass with Fr. Przemek	Ch. 6: The Gift of the Holy Spirit	To discover that the Holy Spirit, who came to the disciples on Pentecost, is with the Church today.
12/9/2016	Ch. 7: The Church Ch. 8: The Communion of Saints	Ch. 9: A People of Prayer	To explore what it means to belong to the Church. To explore what it means to say that the Church is the Communion of Saints and the Body of Christ. To discover the five traditional expressions of prayer.

1/6/2017	Ch. 11: Celebrating God's Love	Ch. 12: God's Healing Love	To discover how celebrating the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation bring us closer to God. To explore the power of forgiveness.
2/3/2017	Ch. 13: The Word of God	Ch. 14: The Bread of Life	To discover more about the Liturgy of the Word. To discover what we do in the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
2/24/2017	<i>FFF goes to the Interfaith Food Pantry, Morris Plains</i>	Ch. 15: The Sacrament of Matrimony	To explore human examples of selflessness.
3/1/2017	Ash Wednesday Prayer Service	4:00 p.m.	Church. All Are Welcome. Masses 7:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
3/4/2017	Pasta Supper & Basket Raffle Religious Education Fundraiser		Cafeteria. Seatings at 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.
3/31/2017	Ch. 16: Called To Serve	Ch. 17: Happiness with God	To discover that God shares his grace with us and calls us to be with him in Heaven.
4/9/2017	Palm Sunday		
4/16/2017	Easter Sunday		
4/21/2017	Ch. 18: God's Laws of Love	Ch. 19: Love One Another	To discover the meaning of the ten commandments.
5/12/2017	Ch. 22: The Creeds	Ch. 23: Living Our Faith	To discover that the creeds of the Church help us express our faith in God. To discover and explain the true happiness the Beatitudes describe.

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.