



St. John the Baptist Catholic School

4B News

Mr. Nguyen's Classroom Newsletter



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Day by Day Through Lent: Fasting From Our Clutter

by Susan K. Rowland

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD—CLEAR OF CLUTTER

Jn 11:1-45; 12:20-33; 8:1-11

One characteristic of a “decluttered” relationship with God is the willingness to wait. Think of Martha and Mary. They sent word to Jesus that Lazarus was ill. Jesus did not answer their prayers the way they wanted, but what a glorious end to the story!

MONDAY:

‘WHOEVER AMONG YOU IS WITHOUT SIN ...’

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11

Jesus was merciful and gentle to the woman caught in adultery. Is there anyone “caught in sin” that I could treat more as Jesus dealt with this woman?

TUESDAY:

‘I ALWAYS DO WHAT IS PLEASING TO GOD’

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Only Jesus can say these words. But Jesus is always there to forgive if I only “look up” and give him the chance.

WEDNESDAY:

‘YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH ...’

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

God shows me the truth if I stay in touch through prayer. Relationship is all about sharing. Do I share myself with Jesus and let him share himself with me?

THURSDAY:

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

“Whoever keeps my word” is a true child of Abraham, Jesus said. How do I “keep God’s word”?

SAINTS FUN FACTS by mario d. macari

SAINST JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO, AN OBEDIENT AND HUMBLE CONVENTUAL FRANCISCAN PRIEST AND FRIAR, WOULD BEGIN TO FLOAT IN THE AIR AND BE COMPLETELY OBLIVIOUS TO EVERYTHING DURING HIS FREQUENT SPIRITUAL ECSTASIES!!



FRIDAY:

‘THE FATHER IS IN ME AND I AM IN THE FATHER’

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, I am also “in the Father” in a deep, intimate relationship. How have I experienced this?

SATURDAY:

THE EVERLASTING COVENANT

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-57

God’s deepest wish for us is: “I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” This is the essence of what prayer should be. How does this change my image of what my relationship with God should be?

Giving Something Up

by Rev. Lawrence E. Mick

For most older Catholics, the first thought that Lent brings to mind is giving something up. In my childhood, the standard was to give up candy, a discipline that found suitable reward in the baskets of sugary treats we received on Easter. Some of us even added to the Easter surplus by saving candy all through Lent, stockpiling what we would have eaten had we not promised to give it up.

Some years ago a friend of mine told me that he had urged his children to move beyond giving up candy to giving up some habit of sin that marked their lives. About halfway through Lent he asked the children how they were doing with their Lenten promise. One of his young sons had promised to give up fighting with his brothers and sisters during Lent. When his father asked him how it was going, the boy replied, "I'm doing pretty good, Dad—but boy, I can't wait until Easter!"

That response indicates that this boy had only partly understood the purpose of Lenten "giving up." Lent is about conversion, turning our lives more completely over to Christ and his way of life. That always involves giving up sin in some form. The goal is not just to abstain from sin for the duration of Lent but to root sin out of our lives forever. Conversion means leaving behind an old way of living and acting in order to embrace new life in Christ. For catechumens, Lent is a period intended to bring their initial conversion to completion.

Weekly Giggle

A young couple had a son who was . . . well . . . a holy terror. By the time he turns ten, he'd been kicked out of every school they put him in. Desperate, the parents went to the counselor for advice. The good counselor sat at his desk and thought for a long while. Finally, he told them to enroll the boy in Catholic school.

The shocked parents did as their counselor directed and took their son to the nuns at St. Jude's and left him.

After school, the son came home and said, "Good afternoon, Papa. Good afternoon, Mama."

The young man went to the table and worked on his homework. The parents looked at each other in amazement, afraid to speak. The mother wrung her hands and the father twisted his beard all the while their boy helped serve the evening meal, bowed his head for prayers of thanks, and even helped with the dishes.

No longer able to contain himself, the father asked, "We're ever so grateful, my son, but what in Moses's name did they do to you at that Catholic school?"

"Papa, when you left, the nun took me from class to class all day, each time saying they knew how to deal with rowdy boys. Those Catholics mean business! They got some guy nailed up on plus signs in every room!"

Congratulations!



... to the following students who earned an A+ on the following tests.

<i>Spelling 25</i>			
Michael	Aubrey	Kelsey	Katherine
Jeremy	Zachary	Tiffeny	Nathan
Vicky	Andrew	Emily	Julia
Hope	Marissa G	Danny	Kayla
Tommy	Trinity	Bill	
<i>Patty Reed's Doll Ch. 1</i>			
Kelsey	Mart	Tommy	Trinity
Andrew	Emily	Julia	Lia

Upcoming Tests

<i>Religion</i>	<i>Ch. 8</i>	<i>Mon. 3/22</i>
<i>Reading</i>	<i>Patty Reed's ch. 2</i>	<i>Wed. 3/17</i>
<i>Spelling + Vocab</i>		<i>Friday 3/19</i>
<i>Math</i>	<i>Ch. 7, Section A</i>	<i>Thu. 3/18</i>
<i>Language</i>	<i>Story Final draft</i>	<i>Due Fri. 3/26</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>Unit B, Ch. 3</i>	<i>Tue. 3/16</i>
<i>Social Studies</i>		<i>Check Planner</i>

Upcoming Events

- ! **Mon. 3/22:** Lunch orders for April due
- ! **Wed. 3/24:** Living Stations of the Cross
- ! **Thu. 3/25:** Annunciation mass 10AM
- ! **Fri. 3/26:** Noon dismissal
- ! **Mon. 3/29 to Fri. 4/9:** Easter break
- ! **Mon. 4/12:** School Resumes
Mission San Juan Capistrano field trip
- ! **Fri. 4/16:** Noon dismissal
3rd quarter ends
- ! **Mon. 4/19:** Spirit Attire Monday

Help Wanted

We are in need of parents who can help transport students' mission projects from St. John to Orange County Fairgrounds on March 31 and back on April 11. Please see the flier in your child's Monday Folder for more details. If you are able to help, please let us know immediately. Thank you.