

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

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Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

John 2:13-22

Today we celebrate the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the “mother church of Christendom.” The point of today isn’t so much celebrating a specific church building, as it is renewing our loyalty to the Holy Father. That’s because this is the pope’s basilica, since he is Bishop of Rome. We celebrate this feast day as a sign of devotion and unity with the Chair of St. Peter. The Holy Father is the successor to St. Peter and has the primacy of the faithful as given to Peter by Jesus two thousand years ago. That’s a long time!

Activities:

- Pray specifically for the Holy Father today!
- Even though taking an actual pilgrimage to Rome is difficult, take a virtual one! Look up the Lateran Basilica and see images of it online.
- How can you be more reverent in church? Perhaps you can take time to pray silently before Mass or keep conversations outside of the sanctuary.

