Family Rosary Curriculum (FRC)

Catechetical Evangelization - Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation



Week 18 - Our Lord is Scourged at the Pillar

Parents - Instructions: Before beginning this lesson, please take a few minutes together as a couple, or by yourself, to read and reflect on the "Scripture Reading" and "Discussion Questions". Next, read the Scripture passage and the lesson to/with your child(ren). Then, as a family, discuss a few of the questions. Parents, please be sure to share *your* answers, thoughts, and questions with your child(ren) as well. It's ok to not know everything about our faith. Your parish leadership is happy to help you find answers.

Scripture Reading: Mark 15:15

Virtue: Purity

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." ~ Jesus (Mathew 5:8)

Theme: Sin leads to destruction

Parents - Read to/with Child(ren):

Our short scripture passage today shows us how Pilate decides to do what will please the crowd, instead of what is right. Often we too are tempted to do what will please others, or even ourselves, instead of what is right. This is especially hard for us because we live in a world where people often disagree on what is right and what is wrong. Thankfully we have the gift of Jesus. Through the loving words and actions of Jesus we see the value of doing what is right. We see that being with God forever in heaven is truly the BEST thing we could ever imagine! It is so good that Jesus chose to suffer and die so that we would be able to live with our loving God forever in heaven and experience His love, joy, and peace here and now!

We have been given great freedom. We have the freedom to look where we want, think, say, and do what we want. These choices have natural consequences. When Jesus teaches us the difference between right and wrong, He is revealing to us the truth about how we are made. Some choices are right because they are truly good for us. Some choices are wrong because they are truly bad for us (we call these sins).

The choices we make become habits. When we choose to think, say and do things that are right, holy and good, this becomes our habit; a habit of living in God's love, joy and peace. The opposite is true as well. Making selfish, disrespectful choices can become a habit of darkness and hardness of heart. God desires what is truly best for us, now and forever! If we listen and follow the guidance of our God, our parents, and our church family we will have pure hearts and will live abundant lives in Christ.

Discussion Questions (to help start the family conversation)

Young Child(ren) (& 1st Reconciliation/1st Communion Students)

- 1. Why is it sometimes difficult to do the right thing?
- 2. How can we support each other so that we can make good choices more often?

Older Child(ren) (& Confirmation Students)

- 1. Name some of the ways the media tries to trick us into thinking we should do whatever we want.
- 2. What are some safeguards we can put into place in order to live with pure hearts?

Prayer: Each day this week, as a family, please pray **one decade of the Rosary** reflecting on the mystery of **Our Lord Being Scourged at the Pillar**.



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