

Passing It On!

FAMILIES WORKING TOGETHER TO *Faith-fully* RAISE OUR CHILDREN
St. Raphael's Religious Education Program Community Newsletter

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A Message from Mary

Dear parents,

SRRE exists to support you in the faith formation of your children. Our weekly religious education classes and our sacramental preparation programs are meant to work hand-in-hand with the faith components of your family life. In the next four editions of *Passing It On* we hope to provide you with resources to enrich your faith and its expression within your home.

Too often we compartmentalize our faith lives. We may take time to pray, but it does not have an effect on how we live the rest of our lives. Sunday mass can be a box we check, with the Scripture readings and hymns, even our reception of the Eucharist, quickly fading from our minds as we leave the church parking lot. In order to live our faith we need to share it with our family and friends. There are many ways to do this, including participating in a small group, attending bible study, or serving as a catechist. Why not make your own family a small faith sharing group?

Sundays

One resource that SRRE just purchased is **Mass Transit Cards**. Families carry an envelope with these cards in their car's glove compartment. Each card has the citation for the Sunday's Scripture readings, plus reflections and space for answers. Here's how they work: 1. On the way to Mass, read the front of the card together and then discuss the reflection. 2. After Mass, discuss the questions on the back of the card and take turns filling in the answers. You can pick up a packet (or two, if you sometimes take a different car to church) at the SRRE office.

Throughout the Week

There are many ways to pray together as a family during the week. Some families choose to pray the **Rosary**. Whether you already pray the rosary as a family, or you would like to start, you may want to check out this website for helpful ideas:

<https://www.familyrosary.org/>

After a busy day, a wonderful way to reflect and to "let go" is to pray the **Examen**. All that you need is quiet, uninterrupted space. "By reviewing the day that has passed, and preparing for tomorrow with the expectation of God's continued care, we create the habit of really turning our lives over to God." Find step by step instructions at

<https://buildfaith.org/home-practices/>.

Everyone loves to hear stories, and stories are a powerful way to share faith. Take time to remember and share your family's **stories of faith** – your own, those of your parents and your grandparents. A wonderful example of this type of family faith sharing is a brand new book by one of our catechists, Ms. Jen McCloskey, co-written with her mother, Mary Rey Girardi. Check out *Put Comfortable Shoes in My Coffin: True Stories of Faith, Family and Fortitude*.

Wishing you and yours the joy of faith,

Mary

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion
and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic churches.

-On Love in the Family,

Pope Francis





School Cancellation Procedures

SRRE follows Montgomery County Schools **for weather-related closings**. When Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) are closed because of inclement weather, SRRE classes do not meet. When MCPS cancel after school, evening, and/or weekend activities because of weather, SRRE after school, evening, and/or weekend classes are also canceled. See www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org or call **301-279-3673** or listen to WTOP radio (103.5 FM). If MCPS “school activities” are called off, but “community events” in MCPS buildings are taking place, we may or may not have SRRE. This is a relatively rare occurrence and the DRE will make a decision based on the time of the class and the expected weather event. **In all cases, parents and volunteers should make their most prudent decision regarding personal safety**

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures



-- Drop Off --

Parents must park and accompany younger children into the school building and to their classroom. Older children may be dropped off using the drop off lane nearest the school building or by parking and having the children cross at the crosswalk. There are crosswalks directly in front of the main door (across to the island) and at the end of the sidewalk near the church (across to the island).

On Monday afternoon, Monday night, and on Tuesday afternoon, the lane of parking nearest the school building is blocked off and used as a drop-off lane. There is no drop off lane on Sunday nights because RE classes begin immediately after Mass when the parking lot is full.

Drivers must be especially careful to stop for pedestrians at each of these crosswalks. **No one may ever park or stop in the fire lane – where the curb is painted yellow.**

-- Pick Up --

Parents must collect their children in the school building and, for younger children, in the RE classroom. Students will be released only to their parents or an adult explicitly authorized by the parents. Please inform the DRE of any custody situations or if someone other than the child’s parent has permission to collect the child.

We expect parents to walk with their child to the car, crossing only at the crosswalks as outlined above. All drivers must move slowly and carefully, stopping at the crosswalks to allow pedestrians to cross.

If a parent needs to pick up a child before the dismissal bell, the parent must go to the SRRE office. A staff member will go to the classroom and bring the child to the office to meet the parent. This is to ensure minimum disruption of class and safety for the child.

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Important Dates at St. Raphael's

To help you track the seasons along with your children in class, we will list important dates in the newsletter as they occur throughout the 2019-2020 school year. See the calendar below for some important St. Raphael's dates.

Sept. 15, 16, 17	Religious Education Program classes begin
Sept. 24 or Oct. 2	First Penance Parent Meeting, 7:00 PM, Duffy Center
Sept. 25 or Oct. 1	Confirmation I Parent and Student Meeting, 7:00 PM, Trumpet Room
Sept. 25 or Oct. 1	Confirmation II Parent and Student Meeting, 8:00 PM, Trumpet Room
Oct. 12	First Eucharist Enrollment Rite and Reception, 10:00 AM, Church
Nov. 2-3	Confirmation Retreat (option 1)
Nov. 3, 4, 5	NO CLASSES – Fall Break
Nov. 9	First Eucharist Listening Rite and Reception, 10:00 AM, Church
Nov. 17	Confirmation I Enrollment Rite, 6:00 PM, Church
Nov. 20	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - worship service followed by a joint project to reach out to neighbors in need, 7:30 PM-9:00 PM, Church
Nov. 24	NO MORNING CLASS; night classes will meet as usual



St. Raphael Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 29
NEW TIME
12:30–4:30PM

Children's Activities
 Moon Bounce
 Cotton Candy
 Snow Cones
 Popcorn

Fun for the whole family

Rain or Shine!!

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,
 Chicken,
 Baked Beans
 Soda and Beer

Suggested Donation—
\$5 per person/\$20 per family

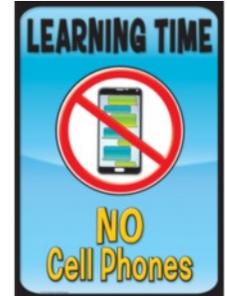
BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE.
 nut-free preferred

SRRE Parent Handbook

The *SRRE Parent Handbook* is available on the Religious Education page of the St. Raphael website. Please note the following excerpts from the handbook:

Cell Phones / iPods / Other Electronic Devices

Except when being used for instruction, cell phones and other electronic devices may not be turned on during SRRE classes. Catechists have permission to take phones and other devices from students when necessary; these devices will be returned at the end of class. Occasionally the catechist may ask students in upper grades to use an electronic device as part of a catechetical lesson, but this will be done in a controlled manner.



Food

It is preferable that food and drink not be brought into the school. Please try to provide your child with a snack (afternoon) or dinner (night) before arriving for class.

Important Notice: *The St. Raphael school building is a nut free facility.* No type of food



Peanut/Nut Free Snack Ideas

Orange slices	Celery sticks	Crackers (preferably whole grain)
Bananas	Fruited jello	Salsa and chips
Sliced Grapes	Pudding	Fig cookies
Apple slices	Yogurt	Mini muffins
Dried fruit	Bread sticks	Popcorn (ages 4 and up)
Raisins or craisins	Pretzels or hot pretzels	Cereal mixes such as Chex Mix
Melon balls in Dixie cups	String Cheese	without nuts
Mixed fruit cups	Rice cakes	Granola Bars without nuts
Applesauce cups	Graham crackers	Cheese
Carrot sticks		Dips for veggies and fruit

When preparing foods at home, please be sure to start with clean utensils and cutting boards.

When purchasing products from the store, be sure to read the ingredients list for nut products.

Many companies process foods with nuts and cross contamination is possible unless the ingredients list states "Does not contain nuts or nut products". Parents of children with allergies will need to approve of the snack being shared with the class or should provide a snack for their own child.

Parents as Evangelists: Making Our Faith Relevant

We take our children to Mass, send them to religious education classes and make sure they receive the all the sacraments. That's enough to prepare our children for their Catholic identity — right?

We also need to teach our children to pray and encourage them to develop their own personal relationship with God through Jesus. So how exactly do we do that? Perhaps the most important step in teaching our children to pray well is to reflect on our prayer life as parents. Do we only pray when we need something or do we pray daily without a specific agenda? Do we seek a greater understanding of God and His plan for us through prayer or we are more mechanistic and just pray by rote? Once we understand and appreciate how we pray, then our conversations about prayer with our children will be more authentic. Children are very sensitive to differences between what parents say and do and are more likely to follow parents' actions.

Perhaps we can begin the conversation about prayer by asking our children what they thought Jesus' life was like as he was growing up. Encourage children to use their imaginations and all of their senses to really think about what Jesus was like on earth. For instance, what did Jesus look like as a baby (or at your child's age)? Did he have friends? Do you think he had to do chores? What do you think he had for dinner? The answers to these questions can engage children in thinking of Jesus as both truly human and truly divine in ways that relate to their lives. As the discussion winds down, you could end with a prayer to Jesus as you have just imagined Him (baby, child, teenager or young adult).

This imaginative type of prayer has its roots in St. Ignatius Loyola's Spiritual Exercises. It is a powerful method of prayer because it takes us out of the realm of rote prayer and opens a window to thinking of God in a way that we can relate to on a very personal level. As we practice this imaginative prayer (alongside the traditional prayers), we can explore our own relationship with God. It is a wonderful opportunity to try and develop a more meaningful approach to our own prayer lives as well as the prayer lives of our children. God is waiting to hear from us!



INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING—WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

SAINT RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

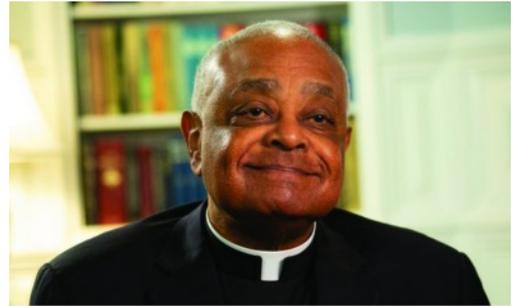


Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Children's Choir

We are delighted that Saint Raphael will be hosting the fourth annual Potomac Area Interfaith Communities (PAIC) **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**. And we are even more excited that **Archbishop Wilton Gregory**, head of the Archdiocese of Washington, will be attending!

Date: Wednesday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.

Children's Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.



Children and teens ages 8-18 are welcome to be part of a interfaith children's choir, which will sing during the service.

We want to be sure that Saint Raphael is well-represented.

To sign up, call or email: 301-762-2143 x124; mbeaudoin@straphaels.org



Social Responsibility & Outreach Student Learning Opportunities

As the summer comes to a close and students and families adjust to a new school year's schedule, don't forget to consider several opportunities available at St. Raphael's, which would count towards Religious Education Service Hour requirements and public school SSL Hours. The following lists the activities, a brief description, location of activity, and date/time of the said activity:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>	<u>Location of Activity</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>
Thanksgiving Food Drive	Sort & Pack Donations	Trumpet Room/ TR Parking Lot	11/24/19 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Monthly Food Drive (Stone Soup Sunday)*	Stand at truck in circle to receive donations 15 min. before and after a Mass. Volunteer needed for 8:30 And 10:00 a.m. Masses	Circle in Parking Lot	Specify Mass Time; may work more than 1 Mass each month.
Advent Giving Tree: Sort & Pack	Transfer all gifts in Church basement to T.R.; Sort & pack donations according recipient organizations. Watch the bulletin for details.	Church Basement & Trumpet Room	12/15/19

*Collection is the first full weekend of each month.

VOLUNTEER





St. Raphael Youth Group “Ignite”



Fall 2019 Schedule (9th grade – 12th grade)

All activities are from 7-9pm in the Youth Center unless otherwise noted. Please contact Annie McHugh with any questions: amchugh@straphaels.org. All bolded events are regular 7-9pm Sunday nights which include dinner, formal teaching, prayer, discussion, and social.

<u><i>September</i></u>	<u><i>October</i></u>
<p>8: YG Catholic Quizo – Catholic Trivia Challenge</p> <p>15: Color War – Fall Kick Off</p> <p>22: Why God? – Proofs for the existence of God through the natural world</p> <p>27: Arrows and Ado – Archery Tag/Holy Hour</p> <p>29: Why God 2.0? – Proofs of existence of God through the human person</p>	<p>6: Why Jesus? – What’s so special about Jesus?</p> <p>13: Son of God – Jesus’ claims to be Divine</p> <p>20: Truly Risen – The reality of the Resurrection</p> <p>25-27: Fall Retreat</p>
<u><i>November</i></u>	<u><i>December</i></u>
<p>3: Why the Church? – Importance of Catholicism</p> <p>10: Presence – God With Us</p> <p>17: Presence – The Story of the Eucharist</p> <p>24: Presence – Bread for the Journey</p>	<p>1: Hopeful Anticipation – Advent season</p> <p>8: Come Let Us Adore Him – Advent Adoration</p> <p>14: Rockville Ice Arena skating</p> <p>15: Raphael House Christmas Caroling</p>



Stay Up-To-Date!

Parents are encouraged to join our monthly email listserv to receive updates on upcoming programs. Please email Mike McHugh at mmchugh@straphaels.org to sign up. Teens and parents can sign up for free weekly texting updates. Email Mike McHugh at mmchugh@straphaels.org with your name and cell phone to be added in. Numbers are kept confidential.



St. Raphael’s Ignite



Texting Updates



@StRaphysYG

Spotlight on Our Catholic traditions: The Rosary

Ever wonder where the Rosary came from? The tradition of using beads to count repeated prayers as part of prayerful meditation has roots in many faiths such as Buddhism, Sikh and Muslim cultures as well as the early Christian Church. Early Christian monks ran strings of beads through their fingers as they chanted the 150 psalms. There are multiple legends surrounding the origin of the Rosary as we know it today. One legend has it that the Rosary came into use directly from the Blessed Mother through her servant, St. Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order (also known as the Order of Preachers or O.P.). In the twelfth century, St. Dominic sent out his brother and sister Dominicans to try to counteract the misinformation of a powerful group opposed to the spread of Catholic teachings. St. Dominic prayed to the Blessed Virgin for help in this battle. The Blessed Mother appeared to Dominic and gave him the first Rosary. She told St. Dominic to preach devotion to the Rosary. He taught his religious brothers and sisters the simple prayers, and devotion to the Rosary spread far beyond the Dominican community. The Blessed Mother has appeared on this earth numerous times to honor those who pray the Rosary, as well as to pray the Rosary together with her earthly children. The Rosary can be said anywhere, anytime and under any circumstance. To this day, the Holy Rosary is one of our most simple, yet, powerful prayers.

The Mysteries of the Rosary commemorate the life of Jesus and Mary as told to us through the Gospels. The Mysteries are categorized as: Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious. Pope John Paul II added the Luminous mysteries in 2002; these mysteries spotlight the important parts of Jesus' public life.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, O most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement! O loving! O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

The Annunciation
The Visitation
The Birth of Our Lord
The Presentation
The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

The Baptism in the Jordan
The Wedding at Cana
The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
The Transfiguration
The Institution of the Eucharist

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

The Agony in the Garden
The Scourging at Pillar
The Crowning with Thorns
The Carrying of the Cross
The Crucifixion

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

The Resurrection
The Ascension of Our Lord
The Descent of the Holy Spirit
The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven
The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

ANNOUNCE THE FOURTH MYSTERY AND PRAY THE OUR FATHER

GLORY BE

HAIL MARY

ANNOUNCE THE THIRD MYSTERY AND PRAY THE OUR FATHER

GLORY BE

PRAY THE ROSARY

HAIL MARY

HAIL MARY

END WITH HAIL HOLY QUEEN

ANNOUNCE THE SECOND MYSTERY AND PRAY THE OUR FATHER

GLORY BE

ANNOUNCE THE FIFTH MYSTERY AND PRAY THE OUR FATHER

HAIL MARY

HAIL MARY

GLORY BE

GLORY BE

ANNOUNCE THE FIRST MYSTERY AND PRAY THE OUR FATHER

HAIL MARY

GLORY BE

OUR FATHER



BEGIN WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AND PRAY THE APOSTLES' CREED

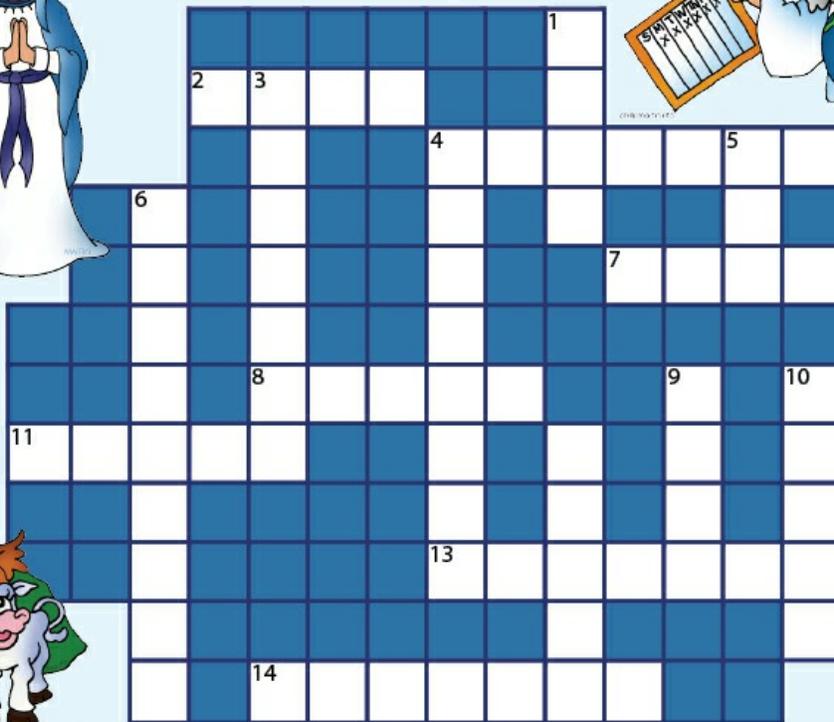


FAMILY ROSARY

FamilyRosary.org



SUNDAYKIDZ



Answers: Across (1 Mary) (4 Matthew) (7 Eden) (8 Light) (11 Moses) (13 Serpent) (14 Lucifer)
Down (1 Seth) (3 Animals) (4 Matthias) (5 Eve) (6 Jerusalem) (9 Luke) (10 Sixth)

ACROSS

- 2. Who was the mother of Jesus?
- 4. This Gospel is the first book of the New Testament
- 7. Garden where Adam and Eve lived.
- 8. Gods first command was "Let there be"
- 11. Who wrote the book of Genesis?
- 13. Satan appeared to Eve in this form.
- 14. The name of the most beautiful angel that turned against God.

DOWN

- 1. What was the name of Adam's third son?
- 3. What did Noah bring onto his ark?
- 4. Who replaced Judas as the 12th Apostle?
- 5. The first woman.
- 6. What city is a holy city for three different religions?
- 9. Who wrote the Book of Acts?
- 10. On what day of Creation did God create man?

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The Family of God

DAVID O'BRIEN

This quiz can help you, your students, and your students' families review our Catholic faith. Check your answers against the answer key on page 3.

- 1 What age group is invited to Mass on Sunday?
a) teenagers b) young families
c) senior citizens d) all ages
- 2 A family that learns and lives the faith together prepares children to respond to God's call to serve as faith-filled _____, single, or married people.
a) priests or religious b) athletes
c) foreigners d) world travelers
- 3 The disciples knew the resurrected Jesus was not a ghost because he showed them his wounds from the crucifixion and _____.
a) he didn't say "Boo" b) he didn't fly
c) he ate food with them d) he rose from the dead on Easter and not on Halloween
- 4 _____ and sponsors are older, more experienced Catholics who promise to mentor and teach new Christians about living as disciples of Jesus.
a) Professional athletes
b) Godparents c) Rap singers
d) Bankers
- 5 Jesus predicted _____.
a) the winner of the Super Bowl
b) the fall of the Roman Empire
c) the day the world would end
d) that he would rise from the dead



- 6 Only children have to go to religious education classes because adults don't sin.
True | False
- 7 Parents and godparents promise to help protect the gift of faith given to new Christians in baptism from the poison of _____.
a) too much fast food b) cocaine
c) high fructose corn syrup d) sin
- 8 Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC, coined the phrase: "The family that prays together _____ together."
a) lives b) eats c) stays d) plays
- 9 The lists of all Jesus' ancestors found in the beginning of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke are called _____.
a) genealogies b) unpronounceable
c) boring d) weird
- 10 The patriarchs of the Jewish and Christian faith are Abraham, Isaac, and _____.
a) Cain and Abel b) Jacob c) Julius Caesar d) Jesus
- 11 According to the Bible, Jesus prayed with his family.
True | False
- 12 Catholics receive their sacraments _____.
a) at various ages b) only at birth
c) only right before death d) only in second grade
- 13 The first person to witness the resurrection of Jesus was _____.
a) Judas b) King Herod c) Pontius Pilate d) Mary Magdalene
- 14 The leaders who had Jesus crucified said that _____.
a) Jesus was God b) Jesus miraculously rose from the dead
c) Jesus was a magician and disappeared d) Jesus' disciples stole his body
- 15 Family life only teaches us about avoiding personal sins but doesn't prepare us to deal with the sins of society, such as corporate greed and human rights violations.
True | False

- 16** Every Sunday Mass is a little celebration of _____.
- a) Easter b) Christmas c) a day off of school d) a day off of work

- 17** Young people who stay connected to their Catholic faith are often most influenced by their family's _____.

- a) singing at church b) witness of faith at home c) monetary donations to the church d) choice of schools

- 18** All of the disciples met the resurrected Jesus except _____.
- a) Judas b) Origen c) Clement d) Thomas

- 19** Jesus ministered and taught _____.
- a) only children b) only adults c) all ages and types of people d) only the elders and religious leaders

- 20** The Easter season lasts longer than Lent.
- True | False

Kids' quiz *Faith at Home*

DAVID O'BRIEN

This quiz can help your students and their families review our Catholic faith. Find the answer key on page 3.

- 1** As a boy, Jesus learned about his Jewish religion _____.
- a) directly from heaven b) through his family c) online d) at his Catholic church
- 2** Parents _____ their babies to begin the child's Christian life in the Church community.
- a) baptize b) feed c) marry off d) bathe
- 3** Most children first learn about God from their _____.
- a) cell phone b) daycare c) public school d) parents
- 4** Once children begin faith formation/catechesis classes at the parish, their parents have nothing to do with their religious formation anymore. True | False
- 5** _____ is the day Jesus rose from the dead.
- a) November 1 b) Christmas c) Easter d) Monday

- 6** "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their _____."
- a) neighbors b) priest c) children d) pets
- 7** Families can learn about their faith together at home by _____.
- a) reading the Bible b) watching religious shows c) praying d) all of the above
- 8** You can grow together in faith as a family and help others at the same time through _____.
- a) service b) dancing c) watching TV d) playing video games

- 9** _____ is a powerful way families practice their faith at home, showing God's mercy and loving generosity toward one another.

- a) Eating at restaurants
b) Forgiving each other c) Doing chores d) Taking vacations

- 10** Families — children, siblings, parents, grandparents — help each other grow in faith throughout their entire lives.

True | False



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ANSWERS TO Catholic I.Q.

from pages 14 and 15

1. d) Masses for children, teens, or young adults are a new idea. Through most of Catholic history, all ages gathered together to worship God at Mass.

2. a) Parents prepare their children for their vocations by teaching them the Christian virtues of "tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, disinterested service . . . self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery" (see CCC, 2223).

3. c) At first the disciples were terrified and thought Jesus was a ghost, but he calmed them down by showing them his wounds, eating some fish, and explaining how the Bible predicted the Messiah would be killed and rise from the dead (see Luke 24:36-46).

4. b) Godparents/Sponsors nurture the faith of the new Christian through prayer, good example, answering questions, sharing their Catholic faith, bringing them to Mass, and spiritual events such as retreats, prayer meetings, or Christian concerts.

5. d) Jesus spoke about his death and resurrection many times during his life, but people either didn't understand him, rejected what he was saying, or thought he was crazy (see Mark 8:31-33).

6. False. All people, no matter what age, sin (see Romans 3:23). Faith is primarily about our relationships with God and our neighbors. Learning how to more effectively live out our faith is a lifelong process.

7. d) "You must make it your constant care to bring him (her) up in the practice of the faith. See that the divine life which God gives him (her) is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in his (her) heart" (from the Catholic baptismal liturgy).

8. c) Fr. Patrick Peyton traveled the world and worked with Hollywood stars to promote praying the rosary together as a family every day.

9. a) Faith gets passed as a gift from one generation to the next through families. The Gospel

writers included all the names of Jesus' ancestors to recognize those who shared this gift of faith with Jesus (see Matthew 1; Luke 3:23-38).

10. b) The patriarchs, beginning with Abraham, were the first believers in the one true God, Yahweh.

11. True. Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples as an adult (see Mark 14:12-16), a tradition he learned at home. When his parents brought him to the temple every year (see Luke 2), he prayed the Psalms during the journey with the other pilgrims in Jerusalem.

12. a) Catholics go to Penance and Communion many times throughout their lives. While most Catholics are baptized as infants and receive multiple sacraments as children, the sacraments of vocation and healing are often celebrated during one's adulthood.

13. d) "Mary Magdalene . . . came to see the tomb. . . . An angel of the Lord rolled back the stone. . . . Then the angel said . . . 'Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised'" (Matthew 28:1-6).

14. d) The chief priests and elders "gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, 'You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole him while we were asleep'" (Matthew 28:12-13).

15. False. The home is exactly the place where we learn about caring for one another, protecting the vulnerable, and creating a community of justice and compassion (see CCC, 2224).

16. a) Easter is the celebration of Christ's great triumph over sin and death. The victory is so great that Catholics gather every Sunday to unpack its meaning, enjoy its fruits, and remember that Christ indeed is risen. Despite any evidence to the contrary, God's love wins.

17. b) Faith is more caught than taught. Children who see true faith lived at home are more likely to embrace the faith in their lives.

18. a) "Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. . . . He departed and went off and hanged himself" (Matthew 27:3, 5).

19. c) Jesus included everyone, even those whom others left out — women, sinners, the sick, and children.

20. True. Ecclesiastes 3:1 says "there is a time for everything" — fasting and feasting. In Catholicism we fast for 40 days in Lent and feast for 50 days during the Easter season.

Kids' Quiz

1. b) As good Jewish parents, Mary and Joseph taught the child Jesus all the prayers and traditions of their faith (see Luke 2:22ff and 2:41ff).

2. a) At a baptism, the priest prays to Jesus: "By the mystery of your death and resurrection, bathe this child in light, give him (her) the new life of baptism and welcome him (her) into your holy Church."

3. d) "Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years" (CCC, 2226).

4. False. Learning about Christ through the family "precedes, accompanies and enriches" school or parish religious instruction (CCC, 2226).

5. c) The resurrection of Jesus is the most important truth of our faith. If Jesus did not really rise from the dead, St. Paul says our faith is useless and pointless (see 1 Corinthians 15:17).

6. c) Parents promise to raise their children in the faith when they have them baptized.

7. d) Grace before meals, praying before bedtime, watching cartoon versions of Bible stories, reading children's Bibles, and decorating the house with crosses and religious art are successful ways to form a young child in the faith.

8. a) Serving others is doing what Jesus taught in the Good Samaritan parable (see Luke 10:25-37).

9. b) Jesus said to pray, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" (Matthew 6:12).

10. True. While parents teach their children about God, the *Catechism* states that "children contribute to the growth in holiness of their parents" (CCC, 2227).

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