
Welcome to Faith Formation 2020-2021 Edition

Your Catechist is Keith Bereswill

Basic Classroom Rules

In person class will start at 4:15.

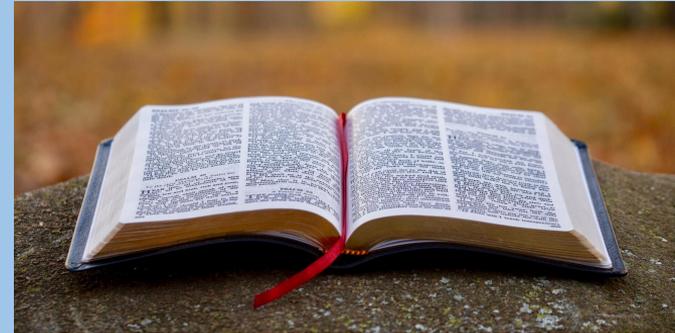
Until it is safe to do so our class will always enter and exit through the front entrance.

We will all wear a mask at all times and keep a 6 foot distance whenever possible.

We will respect everyone's space and not be disruptive in class

An Important Classroom Note

Having a bible is required as we will be referencing and doing scripture readings in every class. We'll be reading from both the Old and New Testaments and we'll be using the New American Standard Bible (NASB). You can use a traditional hard copy bible, an electronic bible from an app on a phone or tablet or a website such as [Catholic Online](#)



Our First Two Weeks

What is the Kerygma it is the core message of the Gospel. The message in its simplest form that is designed to be shared with others.

If you were to boil down the bible to five lessons, which one would you chose? These five lessons are: **Creation, Fall, Redemption, Salvation**, and **Re-creation**.

→ **Creation**

God is love and has created me for a relationship with him.

→ **Fall**

I have broken my relationship with God by sin.

→ **Redemption**

Jesus restores my relationship with God through His life, death and resurrection.

→ **Salvation**

Jesus invites me to trust him, to turn from sin, and to give my life to Him.

→ **Re-Creation**

Jesus has poured the Holy Spirit into my heart to bring me new life in His Church and sends His Church on mission so that others can experience new life.

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Throughout the course of the year we will be reading scripture from both the **Old and New Testaments**. The reading will be written in italics as an example *Jeremiah 1:4-9*. Also it is good to say a prayer for the blessings of Holy Spirit so that we may understand the word of God fully when we read the scriptures. **I've included a prayer here.** "Father, anoint me with your Holy Spirit, so that as I read your eternal word, your word may penetrate my whole being and transform me. Grant me the blessing to be a faithful disciple in believing the Word of God and that I may be a light shining upon all who are in darkness. Amen."

God is love and has created me for relationship with him

Now we'll read *Jeremiah 1:4-9*. I do encourage your parents to read along with you and discuss with you their thoughts as well as yours to the following questions:

Reflection:

What's is going on in your life right now?

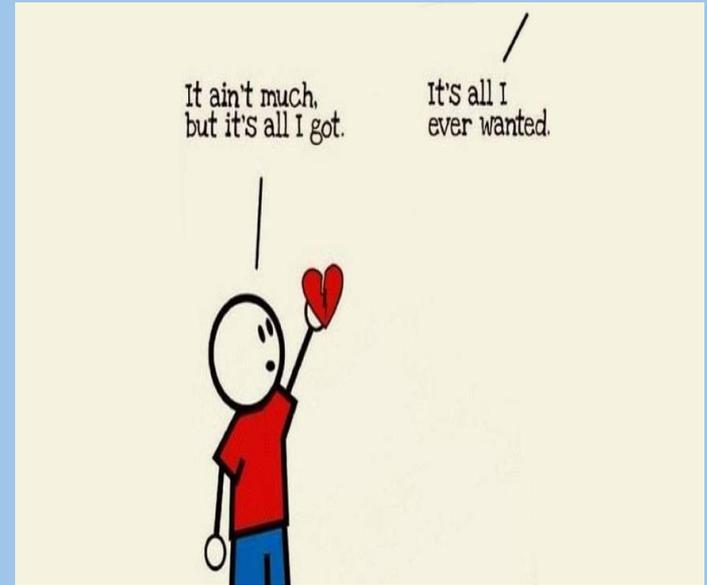
When you think of God, what comes to mind?

What is your purpose?

We have been told, God loves us more than we can imagine-we are part of God's plan-we are wonderfully made...

And we are! But how often do you really think about that and truly

THANK God for this gift?



Prayer

*God, thank you for
knowing me and
loving me from the
beginning of time.*

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**I have broken my
relationship with God by my
sin**

Now we'll read *James 1:7-11*.

Reflection

When you are in a relationship with someone and you continuously hurt them, your relationship is broken. Our relationship with God is broken because of sin. A sin is any choice that goes against God's love. Sin is how we say "no" to God. *We sin, when we try to protect a friend's feelings, and tell a white lie. We sin when we gossip about a person in class.*



Many times, through our actions, we have turned from God and refused to admit our failures and wrong doing. We hurt ourselves, hurt those we love and damage our relationship with God.

Prayer

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong and faith to do good,

I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help,

To do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.

In his name, my God, have mercy.

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**Jesus restores my
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through His life, death, and
resurrection**

Now we'll read *Revelations 3:20*.

Reflection

Jesus is standing at the door knocking. The door is your heart. The door does not have a handle, so you need to be the one to let Him in. Jesus came to live with us and teach us how to truly and unselfishly love. Jesus, free from sin. Took the burden of our sins and laid them at the foot of the cross. He suffered, died, and rose again for us. For you and me... Jesus is God, knocking on the door of your heart ready for a relationship with YOU. You just have to open the door.



Take some time to think about everything that is weighing you down, all the burdens you feel like you have been carrying.

Prayer

The Creed

Leader: Lord, Jesus, we thank you for the deep, unending love you have for us. Come into our hearts and strengthen us with the love and peace we can only find in you. Deepen our relationship with you and your Holy Bride the Church, as together we pray:

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;

Prayer

The Creed

He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come 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

Reflection

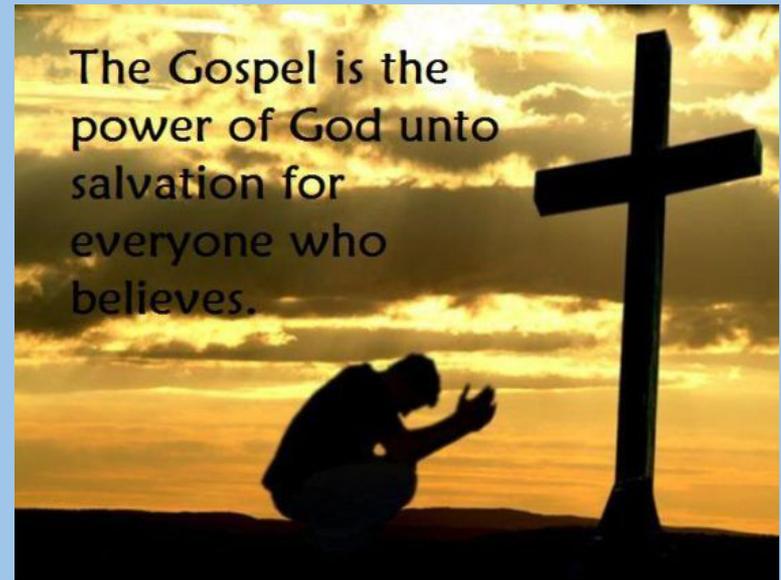
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Process the Experience

It has been said that we need to hear the *kerygma* (or core message of the Gospel) proclaimed as the *kerygma* many times in order for it to take root in our hearts. This may be your first time hearing this message or it may be a message that you know well and have heard many times.

During this exercise, you may feel a great sense of joy, peace, sadness, points of resistance, or obstacles. Acknowledge how you feel. Don't be afraid to confront these obstacles; God already knows them and will help you through them. Take time to give thanks for the opportunity to hear the Gospel in this way.



- As you reflect upon the overall experience, how do you feel?
- What was the hardest for you? Why?
- Who Can you share you experience with?
- How did this experience help you to see Jesus more clearly?

This is the Kerygma!

This is what we are going to go over the first two periods in class. I also encourage the students to say a Rosary every Wednesday. I'm grateful for the opportunity to work with all of you this year and thankful for your patience as I work out the kinks in the distance learning program! If you have any questions my email box is always open. May everyone stay safe and healthy and have a Blessed Day.

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