

# 3rd Grade

We as parents need to be modeling Peace and Justice to our children so they can begin understanding and appreciating the diversity in today's world. We as disciples of Jesus Christ and children of God are to value ALL forms of life as good and of value.

Peace – Jesus came to bring peace and take away fear. He expects his disciples (that's us) to spread his peace throughout the whole world.

Justice – is fairness; rewarding the good and punishing sinners.

## Corporal Works Of Mercy

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Visit those in prison
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Bury the dead



## Spiritual Works Of Mercy

- Correct sinners
- Teach the ignorant
- Advise the confused
- Comfort those who suffer
- Be patient with others
- Forgive injuries
- Pray for the living and the dead

## Who are your child's hero's?

Read about the lives of the following people with your child and discuss how they are good role models for us.

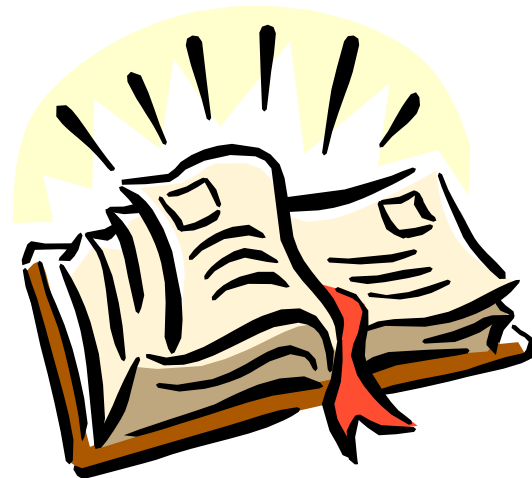


St. Dominic Savio, St. Bernadette, Mother Teresa, Father Damien of Molokai and St. Katherine Drexel. - 11 -

Being a disciple of Christ can sometimes be hard. Read the story of Pentecost (*Acts of the Apostles 2:1-13*) and find out how the coming of the Holy Spirit energized the Apostles to do God's work.

Help your child locate and read these Scripture readings that show how Jesus served others. How did he make the lives of these people better?

Luke 4:38-41	Peter's mother-in-law
Luke 5:12-16	Curing a leper
Luke 5:17-26	The Paralytic
Luke 6:6-11	The man with the withered hand
Luke 7:11-17	The Widow's Son
Luke 10:1-12	Mission of the 72
Matthew 10:1-14	Mission of the Twelve



While discussing the value of all people be sure that when referring in any way to sexuality that children learn proper terminology and respect for self and others.

How do the vocations of being single, married, in the religious life, or the priesthood follow in Jesus footsteps? How does a person serve God in these vocations? How does a person serve others in these vocations?

**The four marks of the Church** are found in the Apostle's Creed.

1. One – The bond of love between the 3 persons of the trinity unites all the members of the Church as one people of God.
2. Holy – The church began with the holiness of the Trinity , and that is the source of her holiness.
3. Catholic – the word catholic means “universal.” The Catholic Church has lived and still lives in many parts of the world because she is led by the Holy Spirit to bring God to all people.
4. Apostolic – The Catholic Church is built upon the teachings of the Apostles, who were chosen by Jesus.

# Apostle's 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.*

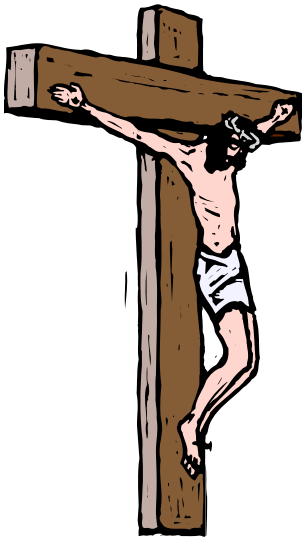
*On the third day, he rose again.*

*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*



## The Joyful Mysteries

1. The Annunciation – Luke 1:26-38  
*(Mary becomes God's Mother)*
2. The Visitation – Luke 1:39-56  
*(Mary visits St. Elizabeth)*
3. The Nativity – Luke 2:1-24  
*(Jesus is born)*
4. Presentation in the Temple –  
Luke 2:22-38  
*(Jesus is presented in the Temple)*
5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple –  
Luke 2:41-52  
*(Jesus is found in the Temple)*



## The Sorrowful Mysteries

1. The Agony in the Garden –  
Luke 22:39-46  
*(Jesus prays in the garden)*
2. The Scourging at the Pillar –  
John 19:1  
*(Jesus is tied up and whipped)*
3. The Crowning with Thorns –  
Matthew 27:27-31  
*(Jesus is crowned with thorns)*
4. The Carrying of the Cross –  
John 19:16-18  
*(Jesus carries his cross)*
5. The Crucifixion –  
Luke 23:33-43  
*(Jesus dies on the cross)*

## The Luminous Mysteries

1. Baptism of Jesus – Matthew 3:13-17  
*(John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan)*
2. The Wedding at Cana – John 2:1-11  
*(Jesus works his first miracle)*
3. Proclamation of the Kingdom –  
Mark 1:15, 2:3-13,  
Luke 7:47-48, John 20:22-23  
*(Jesus preaches to the crowds)*
4. The Transfiguration – Luke 9:28-36  
*(Jesus shines with the light of God's glory)*
5. Institution of the Eucharist –  
Luke 22:14-20  
*(Jesus gives us the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper)*

## The Glorious Mysteries

1. The Resurrection – Luke 24:1-12  
*(Jesus rises from the dead)*
2. The Ascension of Our Lord –  
Mark 16:19-20  
*(Jesus goes back to heaven)*
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit –  
Acts 2:1-4  
*(the Holy Spirit comes upon the Apostles)*
4. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Song of Songs 2:4  
*(Mary is taken to heaven)*
5. The Coronation – Luke 1:52  
*(Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth)*

Pray the Rosary together as a family. Your children do not necessarily have to know all of the mysteries by heart at this time, but they should be familiar with praying the rosary. This is a guide for you to use.

### How To Pray The Rosary

- 1) Cross/crucifix-make the Sign of the Cross, then say the Apostles Creed.
- 2) First bead-pray the Our Father.
- 3) Next three beads-pray the Hail Mary.
- 4) Next bead-Pray the Glory Be, name the 1<sup>st</sup> mystery, pray the Our Father.
- 5) Pray one Hail Mary on each of the next ten beads.
- 6) On the lone bead after the 10, pray the Glory Be, (you may also say the Fatima Prayer) name the 2nd mystery, then pray the Our Father.
- 7) Move on repeating steps 5 & 6 for each mystery.
- 8) On the medal that connects the beads-pray the Glory Be and the Hail Holy Queen.
- 9) Finish the Rosary by holding the crucifix and making the Sign of the Cross.

### The 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 towards 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.*