

Faith Formation

Your child has brought home the Gospel Weekly for December 8th. Please take time to review this week's lesson with them. We are hoping to see all the students at our St. Nicholas event on December 7th. Classes will resume December 15th.

This Week's Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12 In this Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist urges people to turn toward God. He baptizes people when they want to change their lives. John insists that Baptism expresses a real change of heart and not a shallow safeguard against God's judgment. Note: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, normally a Holy Day of Obligation, will not be one this year and it moves to December 9.

Promise (Grades Pre School, K & 1): In the spirit of John the Baptist's preaching, discuss with your child their experiences of preparing for an event, such as the arrival of guests. In their Gospel Weekly make the booklet on preparation. One page of the booklet is a day-by-day calendar. Starting on December 6, the Feast of Saint Nicholas, remind your child to outline one of the boxes on that page each day until Christmas. Discuss how each image relates to the celebration of Advent and Christmas.

Good News (Grades 2-3): This week in the Gospel Weekly it discussing how the prophet Isaiah and John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. Explain to your child what a prophet does. Talk about how your family can prepare the way for Jesus by making good choices and doing what is right.

Venture (Grades 4-6): This week's Gospel Weekly teaches your child about how the prophet Isaiah described the "peaceable kingdom." Read with your child the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the people of the Americas. Let your child lead the family in choosing things to do for the coming feast of Christmas. He or she can use the suggestions from the Week 2 Calendar List featured on Page 5.