

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Faith Formation

This Sunday's Gospel: John 12:20–33 In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus faces religious leaders who are plotting against him. Many Jews and Greeks in Jerusalem were coming to him, and this angered Jesus' opponents. Jesus explains his fate by using the parable of a grain of wheat falling to the ground. Unless it dies, it remains a single grain. If the seed dies, it will produce a rich harvest.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Your child learned about the grain of wheat that is ground into flour. Ask your child to show you the pictures of families sharing bread. Discuss how important it is for family members and friends to learn to share.

Promise (Grades Pre- School and K): In this week's newsletter, read the story, "Hooray for Spring!" with the family. Talk to you child about how seeds grow and the different ways they grow. Share the stories of the four saints that are mentioned in this weeks newsletter and how they gave their lives to God. Talk about ways your family grows in love for God and for one another.

Good News (Grades 1, 2 and 3): This week's newsletter explains to your child what Jesus meant when he compared himself to a grain of wheat. Consider making some bread as a family to experience it first hand what comes from a grain of wheat. Discuss the words of Jesus that are in the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. Read it together. Talk as a family about what it means to you that Jesus is the Bread of Life.

Venture (Grades 4–6): This week's newsletter explores the Gospel message about the seed falling to the ground and dying in order for there to be a great harvest of grain. Pray the Lord's Prayer and review how the Seventh, Ninth, and Tenth Commandments call us to respect others' belongings and friendships. Ask your young person to explain the three Commandments to the family.