

FAITH FORMATION RESOURCE GUIDE

BLESSED TRINITY PARISH, CLEVELAND



INTRO TO THIS RESOURCE

This weekly publication will offer curated material with a broad scope because our parish audience is diverse. You will find some things that are intriguing and others that are not of any interest whatsoever. THAT'S OK...in fact, that is what we want to accomplish. Please keep returning to find the nuggets that are meant for you.

We will offer a limited number of printed copies in the back of Church that you can take home with you. We understand that everyone is not fluent in the technology world. However, we want to be environmentally conscientious, too. We do not want to waste paper even though we do recycle!

So, our primary access point will be through the parish website. Nearly everyone has a cell phone that can take them to www.blessedtrinitycleveland.org. There you will click a button and access the material at your convenience. Use that time while you wait for an appointment or stand in the school pickup line to give yourself a spiritual snack.

We will evaluate as we go, but let's start here.



SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25-28

Psalm 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32

All texts can be found at:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/092726.cfm>

What is the fairness of God? God is so much more than we can perceive! Yet, we project our limited understanding upon God when we try to define things of God in terms that we can understand.

We often look at the Scriptures to see what God is doing in the story. Today, we are called upon to look at what we are doing in our relationship with God. Do we willingly respond to what God is asking of us or do we justify our inaction or rejection of the request by defining God in light of the way we feel complies with our convenience?

We may find the questions in this publication challenging this week. Be open to what your responses are revealing to you.

Question of the Week

How can we be more faithful in our words and actions?

How often do we react instead of act? We look at a news story or see a fashion alert and ask, "What were they thinking?"

Maybe we should be asking ourselves the same question: What am I thinking? Why am I making this choice? Have I looked at other options?

Yes, this could make the decision between orange juice or cranberry juice cumbersome, but you know that is not what we are referencing.

That little white lie may keep us from consequences. Telling someone what he or she wants to hear may be easier, but it may not be the most honest answer. Talking ourselves into believing what we are doing is right even though it feels wrong simply is not honest.

We are not inherently dishonest, but sometimes we take shortcuts in our justifications. What can be done to improve our honesty success rate?

ACTION IDEAS

For individuals: Practice Patience

Try to understand the situation of the person with whom you disagree, especially if they seem to have changed their mind.

For Couples: Consider your Vows

How are you helping your partner to fulfill the promises you made at your wedding? What has changed to make things easier or more challenging?

Family Focus: Make a Choice

Make an effort to work with one another this week – don't get too busy to be able to help when someone asks you to do so.

Evangelizing: Tell Someone

Tell someone why you are glad that you have God in your life. Help them to see that your relationship means more than showing up at church.

Make a Change

Have I ever said that I would do something and I didn't do it? Or have I said that I wouldn't do it and at the end, I did it? Work on changing that pattern in your life.

Crossing Generations

Is your way of doing things really better or simply different? Adapt if you need to do so.

Do It!

Tomorrow I am going to....DO IT TODAY!



CONNECT TO PFLAUM GOSPEL WEEKLIES

An easy way to use this page is to share the Gospel story by reading it or watching a video (links are on page 4 of this guide). Then follow the suggestions below. If you are working with multiple children, the activities should sync so that you can do them simultaneously.

We recommend the student curriculum program available for teaching lessons to your child at home, you can learn more at <https://www.gospelweeklies.com/weeklies-revised-reimagined/> or catch this 15-minute video on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=973zn4LJUco&t=15s>. Lots of other free resources, like teaching guides and activity suggestions, are available when you subscribe.

Think outside of the box. If a structured environment works best for the student, set up a time and even a place in your home for these discussions. Other methods are effective, too. Once you have an idea of the week's topics, drop one into a conversation you are having during afternoon snack. Maybe this becomes a conversation at your family meal following Mass on the weekend? Some have found that making this a nightly practice before bedtime prayers throughout the week works. Do not give up, adapt to what works.



"This Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 21:28–32
The vineyard in the Gospel represents the people of Israel. Jesus tells about a father who asks his two sons to go to work in the vineyard. The first son refuses but changes his mind and goes. The second son agrees but does not follow through. The parable challenges the leaders to follow through like the first son and care for the people—especially the poor and the sick. Your family can learn from this parable to be willing to evaluate your decisions and choices and to follow through on all of your good intentions." (The Gospel at Home, copyright © 2026 Pflaum Publishing Group, a division of Bayard, Inc.)

SEEDS (Pre-school): What choices has the child had to make today? Were there any challenges in deciding? If we make a not-so-good choice, can we change our mind?

PROMISE (K–grade 1): What choices does the family have to make every day?

GOOD NEWS (Grades 2 and 3): Talk about why Jesus taught through stories. How can we help each other make good choices? How can God help us? Talk about the value of prayer.

VENTURE (Grades 4 through 6): Have you ever broken a promise or had someone break a promise they made to you? Use this discussion to talk about how the Ten Commandments help us to make good choices.

VISIONS (Grades 7 through 9): The Gospel shows us how actions speak. How is the student experiencing the consequences of others' actions?



KIDS VIDEO LINKS

[The Bible Bag](#) (Gospel lesson for young children)

[Lesson and Saint of the Week](#)

[Holy Heroes Gospel Video](#)

[Saddleback Kids Gospel Video](#)

[26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle A](#) All readings Diocese of Bridgeport

[The 10 Commandments](#)

[What do the 10 Commandments REALLY Command](#)

[What is a Parable](#)

[Lesson and Activities](#) Diocese of Bridgeport

[Songs and Fingerplays for Young Children](#) Pflaum Publications

[Sunday Connection](#) Loyola Press

[Sunday Reflections](#) St. Louis University Initiatives:

Refelctions, Challenges, Social Justice from these contributors and more John Foley, S.J., Larry Gillick, S.J., Anne Osdieck, Ron Rohlheiser, OMI, John Pilch, John Kavanaugh, S.J.

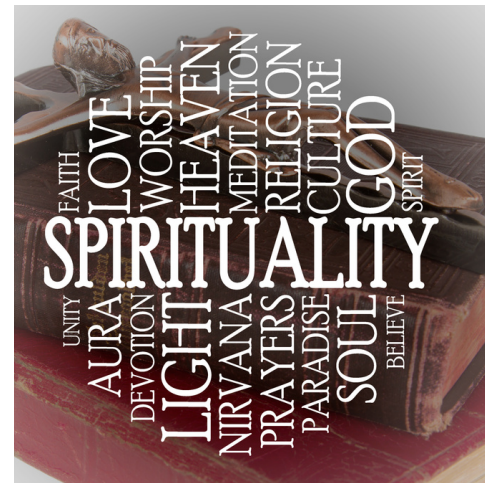
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MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES



ACTIVITY AND SPIRITUALITY LINKS



MUSIC AND VIDEO LINKS

[Choices](#) (Children's Song)

[I Say Yes, My Lord \(Digo Si, Señor\)](#) -- video (5:21) Dona Peña

[My Soul Says Yes/I Say Yes to My Lord](#) -- video (3:40) Chicago Mass Choir

[I Say Yes \(Official Live Video\)](#) -- video (6:45) Kim Walker-Smith