

VERSE OF THE MONTH

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WILL NOT WALK IN THE DARKNESS, BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF

LIFE.





# A FAMILY OF Faith

**Adult Meeting October 2023** 

Prayer Opening

Questions

**HEAVEN:** Our Final Destination,

Choice between Life and Death

Lessons and Activities
Journal Boards

Using the Bible

Volunteer Opportunities
Dates this month





# Opening Questions

What is the purpose of our life?

We cannot get to Heaven on our own.
What are some signs God gives us
to help us on our journey there?

How are people different from the rest of God's creations?

What causes us to lose our relationship with God? How does He respond to this?



## Universal Questions

-Who am I?

-Where do I come from?

-Why am I here?

-Where am I going?

-What is happiness? How do I find it?

How many of us here want to get to Heaven?

How many of us want our children to get to Heaven?



## LOTS OF QUESTION



# Start with the question,

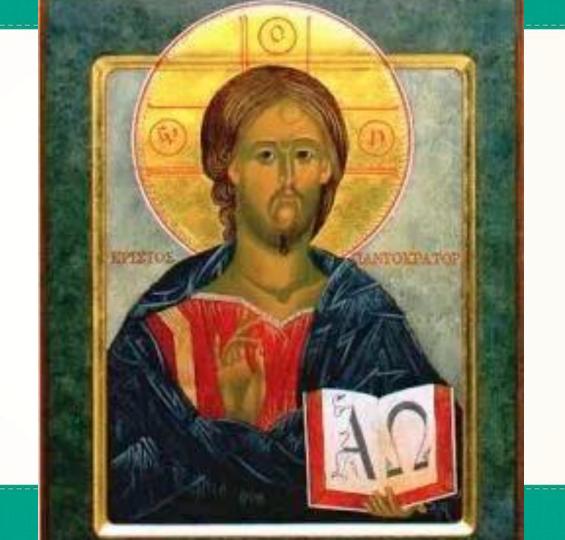
Where do we want to go?

Where is our Final destination.



God is our beginning, & our end.





## Next UP

GPS or map?



The 8
Beatitudes



The Kingdom of God



#### The New Testament shows us what

## beatitude means:

- Being called to be part of God's Kingdom
- Sharing in God's joy
- Ultimately, it means being called to spend eternity in Heaven with Him!



We cannot get to Heaven on our own.

Where are the Signs to let us know where to turn?



## Three signs on the path that leads to Heaven:

- Ten Commandments
- The Sermon on the Mount
- Apostolic Catechesis.



## The Ten Commandments



# The Ten Commandments and the New Covenant



#### The Beatitudes

The Beatitudes fulfill the promises of the Old Covenant and the Ten Commandments.

"The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching"



**WORDS TO KNOW:** 

**Original Sin** 

**Immortal Soul** 

**WORDS TO KNOW:** 

WORDS TO KNOW: Heaven

WORDS TO KNOW: Parable

**WORDS TO KNOW:** 

**Commandments** 

**WORDS TO KNOW:** 

**Beatitudes** 

WORDS TO KNOW: Free Will



### Free Will

We can choose between

God's will and our own will.

This make us unique among all of God's creations



#### We Are Made in

## God's Image

#### This means that we can:

- Use our reason to know things.
- Choose between right and wrong.
- Love God and one another.



#### We are made with an

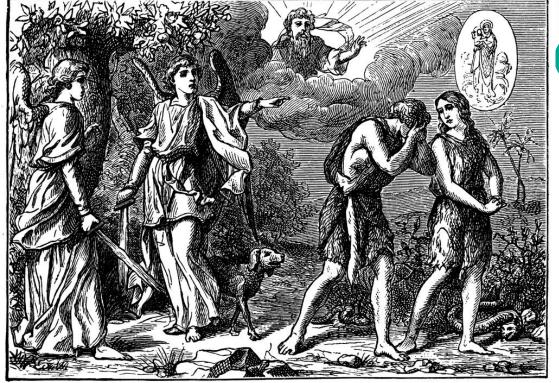
## immortal soul

God breathed life into Adam.

We have an immortal soul.

Live forever with God, heaven is our goal





## Original Sin

When Adam and Eve fell, they lost their friendship with God along with sanctifying grace.



### In the beginning

God made us in friendship with Him.

Adam and Eve were filled with God's divine life, or

## Sanctifying Grace.

They lost it when they sinned. It is restored at reconciliation



#### The Good News

Out of His great love for us,

God sent His only Son to restore us in friendship with Him.

We have the opportunity to once again share in His blessedness in Heaven.

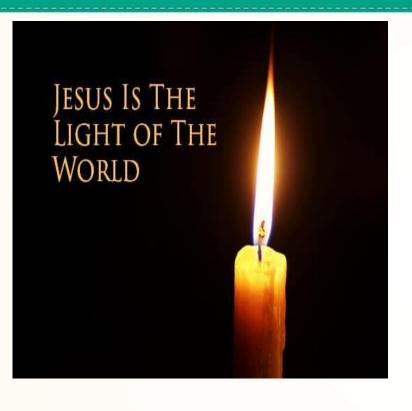
This was done Through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Jesus wins our Salvation.



## October lessons -- Journey, GPS, Choices

- WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?
- HOW WILL YOU GET THERE?
- What do you need to bring?
- WHO WILL HELP YOU? INSPIRE YOU?





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### This month we will Learn through:

Living the 8 Beatitudes
Obeying the commandments

## Reading Parables

#### CHOOSING GOD

- IN OUR DAILY LIVES,
- DAILY DECISIONS



#### TO DO:

Practice prayers

- Read lessons essays
- Pick a few activities

· Start Journey Boards

- Lesson 1
  - Activity #1, 2, 4,
- Lesson 2
  - Activity #1 Nature walk
  - Activity #3 RIGHT & WRONG
  - Activity #4 SAYING YES!!



Try: The rosary

Pray before Blessed Sacrament



Saint of the month: St Margaret Mary

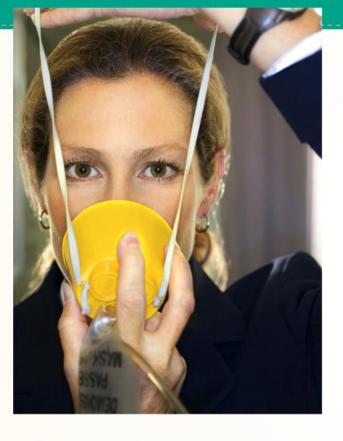
Read about her life, troubles,
Promises made to herself and God
Struggles to keep the promise,
Who did she see?
What is her legacy?



The Sacraments,
September

# Group Discussion/Sharing





#### From our last meeting:

- Read the Appendex Essays in back of book
- Each lesson has activities, you do not need to do them all.
- Quality over quantity.



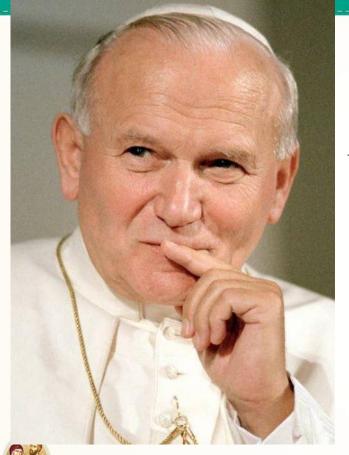
## Reminders and Announcements

Community meeting Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>
9AM to 10AM in Auditorium
Parents and children

Volunteer Opportunities: see email and newsletter

Food pantry, Photos!!,





## Pope John Paul II on Parents teaching their children.

By virtue of their ministry of educating, parents are, through the witness of their lives, the first heralds of the Gospel for their children. Furthermore, by praying with their children, by reading the word of God with them and by introducing them deeply through Christian initiation into the Body of Christ—both the Eucharistic and the ecclesial Body—they become fully parents, in that they are begetters not only of bodily life, but also of the life that, through the Spirit's renewal, flows from the Cross and Resurrection of Christ.

## **Closing Prayer**

Dear Lord, thank you for bringing all of us here together. Your love is ever life-giving. Thank you for your gift of children and the duties of parenthood. Pour down on these families the graces they need to be the first heralds of the Gospel to their children and to prepare them to receive your life-giving love. Help them always follow the path you have shown us that leads to happiness with you forever in Heaven.