

A FAMILY OF Faith

Parent Meeting March

Agenda

Sign in

Prayer

Questions

Service Project

Dates to Know



Opening Questions

We've been discussing all year how parents cooperate with God in giving life.
What are the two fundamental aspects of our lives?



Opening Questions

We are made of body and soul.

What has parenthood taught you about the physical needs of the human person?

The spiritual needs?



Lecture



The New Commandment
 Works of Mercy
 1st - 4th Beatitudes



The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting.

It has been found difficult, and left untried."

- G.K. Chesterton

The New Commandment

"I give you a **new commandment**: love one another.

As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.

This is how all will know that you are my disciples,

if you have love for one another"

(John 13:34-35)



Christian Discipleship





The Works of Mercy







Mercy is the form love takes when it encounters misery.



Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry

Visit the sick

Give drink to the thirsty

Visit the imprisoned

Clothe the naked

Bury the dead

Shelter the homeless



The Sacraments, March

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Instruct the ignorant

Counsel the doubtful

Admonish sinners

Bear wrongs patiently

Forgive offenses willingly

Comfort the afflicted

Pray for the living and the dead

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).



Eternity in Heaven is also called *Beatitude*



The Beatitudes



"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven" (CCC 1716).



"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted" (CCC 1716).



"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (CCC 1716).



"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (CCC 1716).



"God's commandments show man the path of life and they lead to it."

- Pope John Paul II



Group Discussion/Sharing



Special Announcement

Parish Penance Service
Wed., March 20th
7 pm
In the church



Reminders and Announcements

NO Community Meeting in March.



"If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family."

—St. Teresa of Calcutta



Closing Prayer

Lord, we thank you for our time together here tonight.

We pray for those who could not be with us. You have given us a new commandment, that we are to love others as you have loved us.

As we walk this path through life, we ask you to be at our side leading and guiding us every step of the way. In the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta, we pray,

"Give us a heart as beautiful, pure, and spotless as yours.

A heart like yours, so full of love and humility.

May we be able to receive Jesus as the Bread of Life, to love Him as you loved Him, to serve Him under the mistreated face of the poor.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

