

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018

1st Grade

- 4:00pm Welcome (St Peters Basilica & St. Paul's coloring page and *to ensure accuracy, class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese*)
- 4:05pm We Gather - in Prayer at the prayer table
(*use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season*)
Use the Gospel Reading "Hearing the Word" from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box
- 4:10pm Story time at the Prayer Table – a prime time to share our faith teaching children the Word of God. Read aloud the true story of God's amazing love for us in "*Catholic Book of Bible Stories*" written in reverent tone just for young children. Start at the beginning with "*God's Wonderful Creation*" read a new story each week and use *God's Blessing* to end the story.
- 4:15pm Review previous lesson using one of the pages from the Activity Book.
- 4:20pm **Chapter #20 "Jesus Begins The Church"**
Chapter #21 "Jesus Goes Back to Heaven"

We have a family of faith that helps us in our spiritual growth. We experience that community of faith at the local level in a parish. Our Parish is where our community gathers to; worship, initiate people into our faith, celebrate liturgy, teach the faith and practice works of charity. It takes many people working together to help the parish community fulfill the mission of Jesus – Religious and Lay, paid and volunteer.

After the Resurrection, Jesus returned body and soul to The Father in Heaven. The role of and work of The Church is to continue Jesus' work. The Church teaches the Good News and gives Jesus grace. **When people enter The Church through Baptism, they receive God's life in their souls.** It is in Baptism that Catholics become God's children and enter His family, The Church.

- *We Believe -*

Parish = a group of Catholics who join together to share God's love.

Worship = to give thanks and praise.

Pastor = the priest who is the leader of the parish.

Priest = a man who has the power to offer Mass, forgive sins, celebrate the Sacraments and teach God's Word. Receives his power from Christ in Holy Orders. Christ acts through him.

Deacon = a man ordained to the service of The Church. Helps the priest celebrate some Sacraments and preaches.

Music Minister = ensures that the music and the liturgy are integrated in ways that suit both the nature of liturgical rituals and the spiritual needs of parish.

Director Religious Education/Catechist = a lay or religious person teaching the Good News to school age children.

Ascension = 40 days after Easter, Jesus returns to Heaven.

Holy Spirit = the 3rd Person of the Holy Trinity.

- *We Respond – "Who are they/What do they do for our Church?"*

Match the names of people in the parish to their parish job. The RE staff will bring pictures of the clergy and lay people – except for you ... the catechist! *You can do this on the white board or give each child a paper to do the matching.*

- *We Respond* – “Ascension” matching game (*see below*)

4:55pm

Closing Prayer – “*Open our Hearts*” song on the We Believe CD
Teach the children the following hand movements to the song:

God, we come to worship you (*cross their arms over their heart*)
Open our hearts to listen to you. (*put their hand behind their ear*)
Open our hearts to listen to you. (*put their hand behind their ear*)
God, your love is always true. (*cross their arms over their heart*)

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

“How does your family help you to grow in faith?”

ASCENSION matching game

1. Jesus Rising with Angels



2. 40 Days



3. Apostles



4. Baptism



5. Holy Spirit



6. Heaven



The object of the game, “ASCENSION”, is to find/match the 6 pairs.
When the game begins, all pictures are turned over (3 rows of 4).

To Play:

1. Select an order from which to allow each student a turn at finding/matching the pictures to their mate.
2. If you match the pictures you can go again. If they don't match it is the next students turn to find a match.
3. The player that finds the most pairs wins!
4. Have Fun

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“Who are they/What do they do for our Church?”

Fill in the name
(Catechist answers)

Pastor	Father Robert Kinnally
Priest	Father Cyrus Bartolome
Priest	Father Ignacio Ortigas
Deacon	William Santulli
Deacon	Steve Pond
Director of Religious Education	Marie Pascale Vandall
Music Minister	John Michniewicz
Catechist	Mr or Mrs _____
St. Aloysius	Parish