

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018
3rd Grade

- 4:00pm Welcome (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) and all about the Vocations coloring page.
- 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 Add something to the students Prayer Notebooks - artwork, prayers or intentions *(use what is provided or use anything from the bin in the RE cabinet that are sacramentals/prayer cards or artwork for the prayer books)* The Prayer Notebooks should remain in your class bin in the RE cabinet until the end of the year when the students will take them home.
- 4:15pm Review previous lesson using Sharing Faith *(chapter test in student book)*

- 4:20pm **Chapters #23 “The Church Respects all People”**
Chapters #24 “The Church is Worldwide”

We honor and respect the religious beliefs of others. We honor and respect the people of all religious traditions because we share with them a commitment to celebrate sacred aspects of our lives. Our faith has its foundations in the covenant that God made with the Jews. Within the Catholic Church, there are a variety of Rites – most Catholics in the US are Roman or Latin Catholics. All the different rites form a single communion of faith expressed in the Nicene Creed, the sacraments and union with the bishops and pope. Many cultures celebrate unique local traditions (ex. *many Latin Americans celebrate the Feast of Epiphany more elaborately than Christmas*) of saints and holy days. ***Discuss the various Advent traditions attached ... how does their family celebrate Advent?***

St. Anthony of Padua 1195 – 1231 Feast day: June 13 Patron: Lost things

St. Anthony is a perfect example of turning one's life completely over to Christ. The gospel call to leave everything and follow Christ was the rule of Anthony's life. Over and over again God called him to something new in his plan, Anthony always responded with renewed zeal and self-sacrifice to serve his Lord Jesus more completely. Anthony could be the patron of those who find their lives completely uprooted and set in a new and unexpected direction. ***He whom popular devotion has nominated as finder of lost objects found himself by losing himself totally to the providence of God.***

His journey as the servant of God began as a young man when he decided to join the Augustinians religious order in Lisbon, giving up a future of wealth and power to be a servant of God. So, Anthony entered the Franciscan Order and set out to preach. But an illness prevented him from preaching. He went to Italy and was stationed in a small hermitage in Padua where he spent most of his time praying, reading the Scriptures and doing menial tasks.

The call of God came again at an ordination where no one was prepared to speak. The humble and obedient Anthony hesitantly accepted the task. The years of searching for Jesus in prayer, of reading sacred Scripture and of serving him in poverty, chastity and obedience had prepared Anthony to allow the Holy Spirit to use his talents. Anthony's sermon was astounding to those who expected an unprepared speech and knew not the Holy Spirit's power to give people words.

Recognized as a great man of prayer and a great Scripture and theology scholar, Anthony became the first friar to teach theology to the other friars and began writing sermon notes to help other preachers.

- *We Believe* –

Covenant – an agreement between God and his people.

Ecumenism – work toward Christian unity.

Rite – a special way that Catholics celebrate and pray to God.

- *We Respond* - On the scroll have the children write down some important Catholic Christian beliefs --- we will put them in The Ark of The Covenant (*covered box in gold paper*).

OR

- *We Respond* – watch DVD “*My Catholic Family: St. Anthony of Padua*” - 30 min

OR

- *We Respond* – complete the St. Anthony circle craft.

1. Color the picture of St. Anthony.
2. Cut out the St. Anthony coloring circle and the individual words to the prayer.
3. Using a glue stick affix the colored circle in the center of the construction paper circle.
4. Using a glue stick affix the words to the prayer around the construction circle.



4:55pm

Closing Prayer –

“O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.”

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

“How do I respect other peoples’ faith?”

“What expressions of faith are part of my family tradition?”

“How can I follow St. Anthony’s example and speak about God to others?”

The Ark of the Covenant:

In early Israelite history, the Ark of the Covenant was a gilded vessel of astonishing magnificence and holiness housing the spirit of God – it still is today (*think of our Tabernacle!*).

The Ark of the Covenant was a sacred religious chest where Moses placed the two tables of stone containing the Ten Commandments. The Ark was also the name given to a boat built by Noah (*Noah's Ark*) to save his family and animals from the Flood.

The Ark of the Covenant was made of acacia or shittim wood, a cubit and a half broad and high and two cubits long, and **covered all over with the purest gold**. Its upper surface or **lid**, the mercy-seat, **was surrounded with a rim of gold**; and on each of the two sides were **two gold rings**, in which were placed **two gold-covered poles** by which the Ark of the Covenant could be carried (Num. 7:9; 10:21; 4:5,19, 20; 1 Kings 8:3, 6). Over the Ark of the Covenant, at the two extremities, were **two cherubim**, with their faces turned toward each other (Lev. 16:2; Num. 7:89). Their outspread wings over the top of the Ark of the Covenant formed the throne of God, while the Ark of the Covenant itself was his footstool (Ex. 25:10-22; 37:1-9).

The Ark of the Covenant was deposited in the "holy of holies," and was so placed that one end of the poles by which it was carried touched the veil which separated the two apartments of the tabernacle (1 Kings 8:8).

During the journeys of the Israelites the Ark of the Covenant was carried by the priests in advance of the host (Num. 4:5, 6; 10:33-36; Ps. 68:1; 132:8).

Catechist Background on Catholic beliefs and rites:

<http://www.saintaquinas.com/summary.html>

<http://bne.catholic.net.au/asp/index.asp?pgid=11381>

<http://www.ancient-future.net/basics.html>

http://www.ewtn.com/expert/answers/catholic_rites_and_churches.htm

<http://credo.stormloader.com/ritesofc.htm>

<http://www.catholic.org/clife/advent/advent.php?id=28>

<http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?id=7740>