

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018
4th 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***)
- 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 Read about a Saint from the “Patrons and Protectors” series (*Occupations, More Occupations and In Times of Need*) by Brother Michel (Mickey) McGrath and show the artwork – Brother Mickey puts the Holy Spirit (*symbolized by a white dove*) somewhere in each painting ... see if you can find Him☺
- 4:35pm **Lesson # 1 Jesus – the Way, the Truth & the Life**

By following Jesus, we grow closer to God the Father, Son and The Holy Spirit. Jesus entered the world to reveal to us the love of the Father and to bring us the gift of salvation. After His baptism by John the Baptist, Jesus became a preacher, teaching the people about God. His followers became the first Disciples, who traveled with Him, learned from Him and taught others about Him. Jesus – the Way (*the path/road/direction*), the Truth (*the facts of His teachings, the answer to all questions*) and the Life (*the strength of the Holy Spirit in us*) giving happiness and meaning to our lives. **If we imitate Christ, no one can ask more. The way He acted is the way to act; the truth He taught is the truth to believe; and the life He led is the supernatural life we are trying to attain.**

- *We Believe* -
DISCIPLES = those who said yes to Jesus’ call to follow him
BLESSED TRINITY = the three persons in one God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit
INCARNATION = the truth that the Son of God became man
ORIGINAL SIN = the first sin committed by the first human beings
SAVIOR = a title given to Jesus because he died and rose to save us from sin
CHURCH = the community of people who are baptized and follow Jesus Christ
GRACE = the gift of God’s life in us
- *We Respond* – ice cube science experiment

Discuss the sign of the cross and use a shamrock (like St. Patrick) to discuss Blessed Trinity concept.

Science Experiment: “*we can’t see the Holy Spirit’s gifts but we know they are there...*” Can you see the wind...no...but you can feel it and hear it!

Place a frozen red ice cube for each child in a cup of water and observe what happens as the ice dissolves and the water turns red (*which is the color associated with the Holy Spirit*) the water becomes infused with the red ice, just like we become infused/empowered by the Holy Spirit. (*To describe the effect of the Holy Spirit in our lives, the Bible does use impersonal metaphors such as fire, breath, wind and water*). **The RE staff will bring all supplies.**

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Closing Prayer –

“Dear Lord, this day is a gift from you; let me make good use of it. Help me to do what I have to do so that I may grow in body, mind and soul. Every day, let me know you more, love you deeper, and serve you better so that I may be happy with you forever in heaven.”

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

Pray to Jesus each day!

Catechist Background:

<http://www.bible.ca/trinity/trinity-definition-god.htm>

<https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/i-am-the-way-the-truth-and-the-life/>