

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018
5th 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 Review previous lesson using Sharing Faith (*use chapter test in book*)

4:15pm **Chapter #19 “Mary: Model of Discipleship”**
Because Mary cooperated fully with God’s Word, she is a model for us in doing God’s work. In her faith and trust in God, Mary said yes to all God asked of her. She placed herself in God’s hands and became the Mother of the Savior, Jesus Christ! We honor Mary --- the greatest of all saints --- through prayer and acknowledge her ability to intercede on our behalf and emulate her as a model of discipleship. Discuss All Saints Day and All Souls Day (*see attached*) and The Rosary.

- *We Believe*

Annunciation – the name given to the angel’s visit to Mary at which the announcement was made that she would be the Mother of the Son of God.

Immaculate Conception – the belief that Mary was free from Original Sin from the moment she was conceived.

Assumption – the belief that when Mary’s work on earth was done, God brought her body and soul to live forever with the risen Christ.

- *We Respond* – play “All Saints Bingo”

http://www.catholicmom.com/2008_lesson_plans/saint_bingo.pdf

(*Religious Education will bring down a complete set of the game; this is a link for your information*)

- *We Respond* – pray The Rosary aloud with all participating (approx. 20 min.)

http://www.catholic-church.org/ccos_tn/pdf/rosarylessonplan.pdf

(*Religious Education will bring rosaries and copies of the prayer; this is a link for your information*)

4:55pm Closing Prayer – pray the Memorare

“Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection,
implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother;
to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions,
but in your mercy hear and answer me.
Amen.”

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

“What virtues do you see in the lives of the saints that you admire?”

Catechist background:

<http://www.catholicinspired.com/2012/10/about-communion-of-saints-and-activity.html>

We remember the entire **Communion of Saints** as a whole during the Roman Catholic Liturgical year on **All Saints day (November 1st) and All Souls day (November 2nd)**

All Saints day is a day is when we celebrate ALL the saints in Heaven. It's a day to pray to the saints and ask them to intercede for us. This includes ALL the saints; even the ones that we don't realize are saints. There are many holy people who have died and gone to heaven but have not been acknowledged formally by the Catholic Church (through canonization), they are still saints. So we celebrate them all and ask for their intercession.

All Souls day is a day we focus on prayer for those who have died and are suffering in Purgatory. These souls need our prayers to help them to get into Heaven. This is a special day dedicated to prayer for these needy souls.

There are three groups in the Communion of Saints:

The first group includes all the saints in heaven. This group is the part we almost always think about when someone mentions the Communion of saints. We call this group the **Church Triumphant**.

So what does triumphant mean? Normally, when we say someone is triumphant we mean that they won or succeeded in what they were trying to do. For example, a runner is triumphant when he wins a race.

The second group in the Communion of saints is the **Church Suffering**. This group is made up of the poor Souls in Purgatory. These are people who have died in union with God's teachings, but are not yet holy enough to enter into Heaven. They need our prayers to help them become pure enough to enter Heaven. They cannot enter into Heaven without our prayers, so always be sure to remember the Souls in Purgatory when you pray.

Now the third group is one we all know well, but often times don't think of as "saints". The third group is called the **Church Militant** and it's made up of living people here on Earth who strive to follow God's will. This group can include the Pope, bishops, priests, and anyone who is living their lives the way the church teaches. All of us can belong to this group, but we must do as the saints in Heaven have shown us: we must live for God and try to do His will in all things.

Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches."

All three groups in the Communion of Saints make up the branches.

God is the vine that gives us all our life and grace.

