

**St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018**  
**5<sup>th</sup> 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

4:20pm **Lesson - Saints and Holy People – The Pope (Pope Francis)**

- God is the one who calls people to become Saints and Holy People;
- Saints and Holy People are people who love God and others - you can't separate one from the other;
- Saints and Holy People show their love for God by loving others;
- The love that Saints and Holy People have for others is an echo, a reflection of the love that God has for others;
- Saints and Holy People find out how God is calling them to love by being attentive to the needs of people in the world they live in;
- The lives of Saints and Holy People tell us something about God: when God calls certain people in certain situations to love in certain ways, God is telling us what is important in God's eyes.

- *We Believe – read the following information aloud*

Jorge Mario Bergoglio – (December 17,1936) is the 266th and current pope of the Catholic Church, elected on March 13, 2013. He is both head of the Church and Sovereign of the Vatican City State.

A native of Buenos Aires, Argentina, (his parents were Italian immigrants) he was ordained as a Jesuit priest in 1969. In 1998 he became the Archbishop of Buenos Aires, and in 2001 a cardinal. Following the resignation of his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, on 28 February 2013, the conclave elected Bergoglio, who chose the papal name *Francis* in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. The College of Cardinals came to an agreement on the Holy Father's election the afternoon of March 13, after a total of four inconclusive votes earlier that day and the previous day.

He is both the first Jesuit pope and the first pope from the Americas. He is also the first pope from outside Europe since Pope Gregory III in the 8th century.

Pope Francis' inauguration as Bishop of Rome was held Tuesday, March 19, the feast day of Saint Joseph. The inauguration was held at St. Peter's Square.



- *We Respond* – watch DVD – “*How a Pope is Elected - CONCLAVE*” – 46 minutes

4:55pm Closing Prayer – from the Divine Mercy Chaplet

“O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus  
as a fount of mercy for us, **I trust in You!**”

**or**

“Have no fear of moving into the unknown.  
Simply step out fearlessly knowing that I am with you,  
therefore no harm can befall you; all is very, very well.  
Do this in complete faith and confidence.”  
- *Blessed Pope John Paul II*

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

*“How can I follow Pope Francis’ mission of - Miserando atque eligendo”, meaning lowly but chosen?”*

**Catechist Background:**

<http://www.catholic-pages.com/pope/election.asp>

### *White smoke from Vatican chimney, new Pope to be announced*

VATICAN CITY, March 13 (CNA/EWTN News) - The voting began on the evening of March 12, yielding an initial inconclusive vote marked by black smoke. White smoke billowing from the Sistine Chapel's chimney on March 13 indicated that the College of Cardinals had chosen a new Pope.

The smoke, which was seen rising from the chimney at 7:06 p.m. local time, was accompanied by the ringing of bells at St. Peter's to tell the world that two-thirds (77) of the 115 cardinals gathered in the conclave had come to an agreement in casting their ballots for the new Pope.

After Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re announced the Pope's name to the cardinals last night, Pope Francis accepted.

Cardinal Battista Re then read the Bible passage where Jesus chooses Saint Peter and says 'to you I give the keys of the kingdom of heaven, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you untie on earth will be untied in heaven.'

The cardinals sang the Te Deum and the new Pope spent a few minutes in adoration, a new tradition which has begun with him.

### *Pope spends half hour asking Mary for protection*

ROME, ITALY, March 14 (CNA/EWTN News) - Pope Francis made a private visit to Saint Mary Major Basilica in the morning and prayed for half an hour at the Altar of the Virgin Mary.

In keeping with his humble demeanor, Pope Francis entered the basilica at around 8:00 a.m. through a side door, accompanied by Archbishop Georg Gänswein and Father Leonardo Sapienza, the top two officials from the Papal Household.

The night before, when he was introduced to the hundreds of the thousands of people in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis said that he was going to "go pray to the Madonna so that she may protect Rome."

### *Pope Francis: cardinals went to end of world to find me*

VATICAN CITY, March 13 (CNA/EWTN News) - Pope Francis began his first words to the Church by saying that the cardinals "went to the end of the world" to find the new Bishop of Rome.

"Brothers and Sisters, good evening. You know that the charge of the conclave was to give a bishop of Rome. It would seem that my brothers went to the end of the world to choose him," he said March 13 from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.

The Pope then called on the crowd of tens of thousands to pray for "our Bishop Emeritus Benedict."

Before he closed his remarks, Pope Francis asked the crowd for the favor of praying for him in silence before he gave his blessing. He then bowed at the waist as silence settled over St. Peter's Square.

The Pope blessed the throng of people, saying, "I give my blessing to you and all people of good will in the world."

"I'm going to say goodbye now, thank you so much for your welcome.

I say good night "because tomorrow I want to go and pray to Mary for her protection."

A marching band playing and the bells of St. Peter's ringing in the night followed Pope Francis' first words.

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**‘Hello, my name is Francis — nice to meet you’** As soon as Cardinal Bergoglio was elected, and he accepted the job, he chose a new name. Next, he stepped onto the balcony at St. Peter’s Square and delivered the Apostolic Blessing. In case you have the chance to meet Pope Francis, remember to genuflect in front of him and call him “Your Holiness” or “Holy Father.” As a sign of respect to the papacy, you should also kiss his ring. After he’s done with all the revelry associated with his election, we can only assume he heads home and starts practicing his new name and signature.

**Moving in** The Papal Apartments have been the official residence of the pope since the 17th century. The new pope will have to make arrangements to get all of his belongings packed up and sent to his new home in Vatican City. But not before the renovations are done! It’s typical for the Papal Apartments to be repaired and refurbished upon the arrival of a new pontiff. And Fido or Fluffy will have to stay in Argentina. Apparently, the pope can’t have pets. But that didn’t stop some popes like Leo X, who had a white elephant anyway.

**New clothes** Since the late 18th century, the tailors to the popes hail from Gammarelli in Rome. Wonder why Pope Francis’ vestments fit so well at his reveal? Well, the folks at Gammarelli make a set of papal vestments in various sizes (this year — small, medium, and large). So, whoever the new pope is, he’s dressed for success!

**Buongiorno!** The official language of the Vatican is Italian. So, day-to-day business will be conducted in it, Pope Francis has mastered Italian. As a global Catholic leader, he’ll no doubt want to become familiar with the different languages of Catholic faithful around the world! He already speaks German and his native Spanish — but no English!

**#HabemusPapam** Pope Francis certainly has big shoes (or at least fancy red ones) to fill as far as social media goes. Pope Benedict XVI put the Chair of Peter in front of a laptop, so to speak, and became the first pope to use Twitter with the handle @pontifex. Benedict’s tweets from the account have been removed and archived. Presumably Pope Francis will tweet from @pontifex as well!

**New logo Graphic designers — get to work!** It’s time to create a new Papal Coat of Arms. Pope Benedict XVI’s coat of arms included a scallop shell, brown bear, and a Moor’s head — all three had religious and some personal meaning to Benedict. Blessed JP2’s coat of arms was a bit simpler with a prominently placed cross and an “M” beneath it to represent the presence of Mary at Jesus’ cross. What tradition and meaning will be communicated through the new pope’s coat of arms? *Look below!*

**Start your engines!** The Popemobile is the transportation method of choice when the pope makes outdoor public appearances. The new pope will sit back and relax as he’s driven around St. Peter’s or other destinations. But we wonder if just once, Pope Francis might hop in the driver’s seat, adjust the seat and mirrors in his new sweet ride and take the Popemobile out for a spin! (With the Swiss Guard chasing close behind.)

**Holy Week** It’s about to get really busy at St. Peter’s and the new pope will have a lot of special Holy Week duties to attend to! We expect that Pope Francis will preside at the blessing of palms on Palm Sunday followed by mass in St. Peter’s Square. Later in the week, on Good Friday, he’ll preside at the reading of the Passion, adoration of the Cross, and Communion — in the Vatican basilica, perhaps. In the evening, he will walk the Stations of the Cross. Then, on Easter Sunday morning, he will celebrate Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica and deliver his *Urbi et Orbi* message.

**Getting to work** Pope Francis is taking the reigns at a busy time in the life of the Church. Day-to-day, the new pope’s work will be focused on Church business, including appointing bishops, naming saints, and protecting the doctrine and beliefs of the Church. On top of all that, he’ll no doubt have a busy travel schedule. One of his first stops will be World Youth Day this summer in Rio de Janeiro. The pope is a guide to faithful Catholics on their own personal spiritual journeys. Certainly fit for this and all the challenges of his holy office, we hold Pope Francis in our prayers as he takes his place on the Chair of St. Peter.

## The Coat of Arms of Pope Francis



Pope Francis has decided to keep his previous coat of arms, chosen at the time of his episcopal consecration and marked by linear simplicity.

**The blue shield** is surmounted by the symbols of papal dignity, the same as those used by his Predecessor Benedict XVI (the mitre above crossed keys of gold and silver, bound by the red cord). At the top of the shield is the emblem of Pope's religious order, the Society of Jesus: a radiant sun carrying the letters in red, *ihs*, the monogram of Jesus. The letter *h* is crowned by a cross; beneath the letters are three black nails. Lower down on the shield there is a star and spikenard flower. The star, according to ancient armorial tradition, symbolizes the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ and the Church; while the spikenard symbolizes St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church. In traditional Hispanic iconography, St Joseph is shown with a vine in his hand. By bearing these images on his shield, the Pope communicates his special devotion to the Most Holy Virgin and to St Joseph.

**The motto** of Pope Francis is taken from a passage from the venerable Bede, Homily 21 (CCL 122, 149-151), on the Feast of Matthew, which reads: *Vidit ergo Jesus publicanum, et quia miserando atque eligendo vidit, ait illi, 'Sequere me'*. [Jesus therefore sees the tax collector, and since he sees by having mercy and by choosing, he says to him, 'follow me'.]

This homily is a tribute to Divine Mercy and is read during the Liturgy of the Hours on the Feast of St Matthew. This has particular significance in the life and spirituality of the Pope. In fact, on the Feast of St Matthew in 1953, the young Jorge Bergoglio experienced, at the age of 17, in a very special way, the loving presence of God in his life. Following confession, he felt his heart touched and he sensed the descent of the Mercy of God, who with a gaze of tender love, called him to religious life, following the example of St Ignatius of Loyola.

Once he had been ordained a Bishop, H.E. Mons. Bergoglio, in memory of this event that signified the beginning of his total consecration to God in His Church, chose, as his motto and as his programme of life, the words of St Bede: *miserando atque eligendo*. This he has chosen to keep in his papal coat of arms.