

**St. Aloysius Religious Education 2018-2019**  
**3<sup>rd</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) and Mass 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 **Chapter #16 “Celebrating Eucharist: The Mass”**

**The Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples was a special Jewish feast called Passover, in which the Jewish people recall how they went from slavery to freedom. At Mass, we remember Jesus’ dying and rising and in faith we do everything in “memory of him.” Our Eucharistic meal is a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. At the Last Supper, Jesus transformed the meaning of the Passover meal by changing the bread and wine into his very Body and Blood. We believe, whenever we celebrate Mass, Jesus is truly present to us in his Body and Blood in the Eucharist. *We are called to be active participants at Mass, in the words and actions of prayer and ritual; our participation in the Eucharist transforms us, making us more Christ like!***

- *We Believe* –  
**Passover** – the Jewish feast celebrating freedom from slavery in Egypt.  
**Mass** – celebration of the Eucharist.  
**Assembly** – people gathered to worship in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Eucharist** – the sacrament of Jesus’ Body and Blood.  
**Sacrifice** – a gift offered to God by a priest in the name of all people.
- *We Respond* – watch “*Brother Francis presents The Mass*” DVD 25 min.
- *We Respond* – word search.

4:45pm Closing Prayer – remember to say this today and after Communion at Mass

“God, let my faith grow.”

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

**“How can I remember Jesus in my life?”**  
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## Catholic Liturgical Colors

Just as certain types of clothes are worn during certain times of the year (i.e. summer and winter), the vestments worn by the priest at mass signifies meaning associated with the various seasons of the liturgical calendar. Have you ever been at Mass and wondered why a certain color vestment is being worn? Or why the altar is decorated in green, white, red, or purple? This is not a random choice but is ***a uniform system to create uniformity, structure, and movement through the liturgical calendar.***

From the General Instruction on the Roman Missal (#345) we learn: The purpose of a variety in the color of the sacred vestments is to give effective expression even outwardly to the specific character of the mysteries of faith being celebrated and to a sense of Christian life's passage through the course of the liturgical year.

Liturgies celebrated during the different seasons of the liturgical year have distinctive music and specific readings, prayers, and rituals. All of these elements work together to reflect the spirit of the particular season. The colors of the vestments that the priest wears during the liturgy also help express the character of the mysteries being celebrated. These colors may also be used in linens and cloths that adorn the altar and ambo. Color communicates emotional and spiritual realities to the worshipping community. Liturgical color is more than simply decorative; rather it helps to express the changing seasonal moods, which symbolize the shifting mood of the assembly gathered together to worship. Liturgical color helps to symbolize the deeper realities we celebrate and help us to worship in the spirit of the season.



**White**, the color of joy and victory, is a festive color and is used for the seasons of Easter and Christmas. It is also used for the feasts of Our Lord, Mary, All Saints, Chair of Peter, Conversion of Paul, the Nativity of John the Baptist, St. John the Evangelist, the angels, and for saints who are not martyrs. It is also a reminder of the resurrection and can therefore be used at funerals; purple or black may also be used. Gold may also be used on solemn occasions.



**Red** (the color of fire and blood) is used on the days when we celebrate the passion of Jesus, Passion (Palm) Sunday and Good Friday. It is also used for the birth feasts of the apostles and evangelists and for the celebrations of martyrs. Red (the color of fire) recalls the Holy Spirit and is used on Pentecost and for the sacrament of Confirmation.



**Green**, seen everywhere in plants and trees, symbolizes life, anticipation, and hope and is used during Ordinary Time. Ordinary does not mean ordinary in the sense of routine or basic. Ordinary means the weeks/months between the special seasons (i.e.: Christmas, Lent, Advent and Easter), as in the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. It's different from a regular calendar, but not included in the special seasons.



The colors **Purple** or **Violet** in Advent help us to remember that we are preparing for the coming of Christ. Lent, the season of penance, repentance, and renewal, also uses the colors violet or purple.



**Rose** is an optional color and may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, and on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday. It expresses the joy of anticipation for Christmas and Easter.

**Prayer Notebook suggestion:**

Are you missing a family member or a friend who moved away? Maybe it's someone who is away just for the moment, or someone who passed away? Whenever you're missing a loved one seek God's assistance for comfort. *Missing someone is your heart's way of reminding you that you love them.*

