Grade 9 Confirmation Class

3/7/2021

SEASON OF LENT

TODAY IS THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

DURING THIS SEASON WE ARE PREPARING FOR THE DAY WHEN OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST WILL OFFER HIS LIFE FOR US. AS WE PREPARE WE HEAR THE WAY JESUS PREPARES HIS DISCIPLES FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT TIME OF JESUS' LIFE. WE LISTEN TO THE MIRACLES THAT JESUS PERFORM AND HOW HE IS TREATED BY HIS FOLLOWERS.

THE WORDS OF THE READINGS AND THE GOSPEL

iN THE FIRST READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS IT SPEAKS OF GOD DELIVERING THE 10 COMMANDMENTS . THESE COMMANDMENTS ARE TO BE FOLLOWED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE FAVOR OF GOD.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

JESUS VISITS THE TEMPLE AND HE FOUND IT IN DISARRAY,HE WAS VERY ANGRY, HE OVERTURNED TABLES AND SPILLED THE COINS OF THE MONEY CHANGERS HE SAID STOP MAKING MY FATHER'S HOUSE A MARKETPLACE. HE PROCLAIMED THAT HE WILL DESTROY THE TEMPLE AND BUILD IT UP IN 3 DAYS. OF COURSE HE WAS SPEAKING OF HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION, THE TEMPLE WAS HIS BODY.

FOLLOWING JESUS, BECOMING A DISCIPLE

DISCOVERING GOD'S DREAM FOR US

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN”BEING THE BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF”?

MATTHEW KELLY TELLS US THAT WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO WORK THROUGH OUR PROBLEMS, MAKE GOOD CHOICES, AND ABOVE ALL HAVE JESUS BE A PART OF OUR EVERYDAY LIVING.

WE NEED TO SURROUND OURSELVES WITH LIKE MINDED FRIENDS AND BE WILLING TO CHOOSE BETWEEN WHAT IS RIGHT AND WRONG.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO PREPARE OURSELVES FOR THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS?

WE CAN PRAY . PRAYER IS SUCH A POWERFUL WAY TO SPEAK TO GOD , WE PRAY FOR HIS HELP WHEN WE ARE STRUGGLING, WE PRAY IN THANKSGIVING WHEN OUR LIVES ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, WE PRAY FOR OTHERS WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE THAN WE ARE.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS ARE ANOTHER WAY TO PREPARE OURSELVES FOR HOLY WEEK.

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND THE EUCHARIST ARE ALSO WAYS TO PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK.

LETTER TO GOD

WE GAVE YOU AN ASSIGNMENT TO WRITE A LETTER TO GOD ABOUT ANYTHING YOU WANTED TO SHARE WITH OUR LORD. IT MAY BE SOMETHING THAT IS BOTHERING YOU OR SOMETHING THAT YOU ARE THANKFUL FOR OR JUST HAVING A CONVERSATION…

PRE-COVID YOU WOULD HAVE DONE THIS AT YOUR RETREAT. WE SAVE THE LETTERS WHICH SHOULD BE SEALED IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME ON THE OUTSIDE THEN GIVE THEM BACK TO YOU NEXT YEAR. IT IS AMAZING WHEN YOU LOOK AT SOMETHING THAT YOU WROTE ABOUT A WHOLE YEAR AGO,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PASS YOUR “LETTER TO GOD” IN THE MAILBOX AT THE CCD OFFICE AT THE RECTORY

NEXT CLASS WILL BE SUNDAY MARCH 21ST

QUESTIONS FOR US?

LET US END IN PRAYER

DEAR LORD, HOLD OUR WANTS AND NEEDS IN YOUR HEART AND GUIDE US TO BECOME THE BEST VERSION OF OURSELVES

KEEP US AND OUR FAMILIES SAFE DURING THIS PANDEMIC AND MAY WE GO BACK TO SOME SEMBLANCE OF LIFE AS WE KNEW IT. IN THIS WE PRAY. OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN...