

# CULTIVATING A Family of Faith

St. Philip Catholic Church Family Catechesis

April

At the end of the month, your child should be able to:

- Recite the memory verse
- Define the "words to know"
- Explain the 4 Marks of the Church
- Tell about St. Catherine of Siena
- Recite and understand the Apostles' Creed

## Memory Verse REV. 21:5

The One who sat on the throne said: "Behold, I make all things new."

### Saint OF THE MONTH

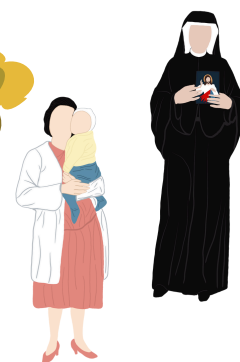
St. Catherine of Siena



## NOTES

## Dates to Remember

- 4/13 - Palm Sunday
- 4/13 - 4/19 - Holy Week
- 4/20 - Easter
- 4/23 - St. George
- 4/25 - St. Mark
- 4/27 - Divine Mercy Sunday
- 4/28 - St. Gianna Molla
- 4/28 - St. Louis de Monfort
- 4/29 - St. Catherine of Siena



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- Continue Lenten practices it with intention and Easter
- Make a plan for celebrating Holy Week
- Celebrate April Saints & Holy Days
- Memorize Revelation 21:5
- Continue to memorize the Apostles' Creed
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet



Link to Session Video, Slides and Handouts

Consider

- How can we practice our faith in an intentional way this month?
  - What special devotions can we practice together as a family?
  - What prayers will we incorporate into our family practice of faith this month?
- **How will we continue to live our faith together as a family? What practices have been most meaningful to us this year?**

## Suggested Weekly Learning Goals April

	Weekly Teaching for Parents
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Introduce Words to Know:</b> Parents discuss <b>words to know</b> with their children on Parent Guide pages 212 and 230. Teach their children what the words mean.</li> <li>❑ <b>Understand Words to Know:</b> By the end of the week, the children should know how to <b>explain and define the words to know</b>.</li> <li>❑ <b>Get to know St Catherine of Siena</b> Parents and children should read the brief biography of Saint Catherine on Parent Guide pages 234-235</li> <li>❑ <b>Learn Scripture Verse:</b> Begin reciting daily the <b>Scripture verse for the month. The One who sat on the throne said: “Behold, I make all things new.”</b> (Revelation 21:5)</li> </ul>
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Parent and Child Activities:</b> Parents should choose one or more activities to teach about the four marks of the church, the communion of the Saints, and the three states of the church in the Parents Guide pages 213-228, lead the children through this activity.</li> <li>❑ <b>Learning Goal for the Week:</b> The child should understand that -               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.</li> <li>❑ The Communion of Saints means that all the faithful – those in Heaven, in purgatory, and believers on earth – form one body.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Parent and Child Activities:</b> Parents should choose one or more activities on the forgiveness of sins and the second coming in Parents Guide on pages 231-236 to teach their children.</li> <li>❑ <b>Learning Goals for the Week:</b> The Child should understand that -               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ God forgives sin through the sacraments of Baptism, Penance and Reconciliation, and others, especially the Eucharist.</li> <li>❑ On the Last Day, Christ will raise the bodies of all people from the dead and reunite them with their souls.</li> <li>❑ The word <i>amen</i> comes from the same Hebrew root as <i>believe</i>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ <b>Your Catholic Home:</b> Parents should teach their children about how Jesus appeared to Sr. Faustina and taught here the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Divine Mercy Sunday is the first Sunday after Easter. Try and pray the Chaplet this month, asking for a flood of God’s mercy on your family and the whole world.</li> </ul>