

CULTIVATING A Family of Faith

St. Philip Catholic Church Family Catechesis

March

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

- Recite the memory verse
- Define the "words to know"
- Explain the Holy Spirit
- Understand the significance of Pentecost
- Know that the church is both visible and invisible; human and divine
- Tell about St. Peter and how he cares for Christ's flock as the first pope

Memory Verse JOHN 14:18

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

Saint OF THE MONTH

St. Peter



NOTES

Dates to Remember

- 3/3 - St. Katharine Drexel
- 3/5 - Ash Wednesday
- 3/7 - Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
- 3/9 - St. Frances of Rome
- 3/17 - St. Patrick
- 3/18 - Saint Cyril of Jerusalem
- 3/19 - St. Joseph -
- 3/25 - Annunciation of the Lord



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- Make a plan for Lent and practices it with intention
- Pray the Come Holy Spirit Prayer
- Celebrate Special March Saints and Holy Days
- Memorize John 14:18
- Continue to memorize the Apostles' Creed
- Pray for the Pope



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 celebrate Lent, both individually and together as a family this year?**

	Weekly Teaching for Parents
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Introduce Words to Know: Parents discuss words to know with their children on Parent Guide pages 172 and 187. Teach their children what the words mean. ❑ Understand Words to Know: By the end of the week, the children should know how to explain and define the words to know. ❑ Get to know St Peter Parents and children should read the brief biography of Saint Peter on Parent Guide pages 194-195 ❑ Learn Scripture Verse: Begin reciting daily the Scripture verse for the month. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." (John 14:18)
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities to teach about the nature of the Holy Spirit, what happened at Pentecost, and the mission of the Church in the Parents Guide pages 173-183, lead the children through this activity. ❑ Learning Goal for the Week: The child should understand that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ The Holy Spirit is the Third Divine Person of the Trinity. ❑ Jesus established His Church and made St. Peter the first pope. ❑ The Church was born when the Holy Spirit was poured out at Pentecost. ❑ The Holy Spirit guides the Church today.
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities on the authority of the Church and our mission as people of God in the Parents Guide on pages 186-202 to teach their children. ❑ Learning Goals for the Week: Child should understand that - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ The People of God are not defined by race, ethnicity, or culture, but by our faith in Jesus and obedience to His commands. ❑ Every baptized Christian shares in Christ's office as priest, prophet, and king. ❑ Members of the Church make up the Mystical Body of Christ. ❑ Christ gave the Apostles and their successors the mission ❑ of teaching, sanctifying and governing in His name and by His power. ❑ Your Catholic Home: Parents should teach their children about the importance of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Fire is the traditional symbol of the Holy Spirit. Place a candle in a place of honor in your home and make a commitment to praying the <i>Come Holy Spirit Prayer</i> throughout the month.