Our Gospel Value this week is Compassion

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Our Virtue this week is Love



We gather together to love, value and respect each other within our Catholic family, to nurture each individual's talents and skills as Jesus taught us.

Everyone matters and is loved by God.

Peace be with you and with your Spirit

Jesus Christ light of the world

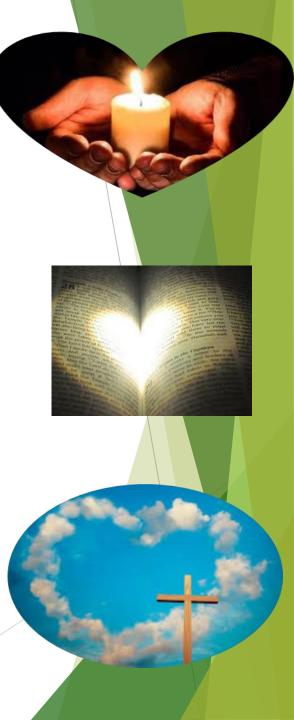
... shine brightly in our lives

Jesus Christ God's living Word

... speak to us your truth

Jesus Christ God's love revealed

... dwell among us



Our lit candle reminds us that we are in God's presence as we mark ourselves with the sign of the cross

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen

We Say Sorry

You are the way that leads to the Father Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You are the truth that brings joy to the world Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You are the life that renews the world Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Today we reflect on how Jesus is our teacher, who guides us to make the right choices, even when it is difficult.

We will think about how important it is for all children around the world to have the chance to learn...

God of love, teach us to follow you, strengthen our faith and help us to make the right choices even when it is difficult.

Amen

We stand to acclaim the Gospel

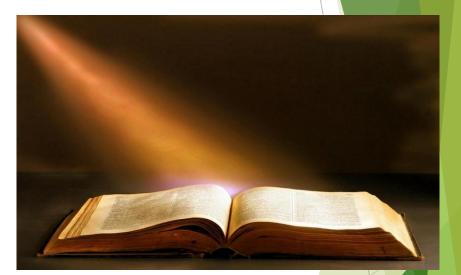
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We listen to the word

Gospel according to Mark 9:38-41

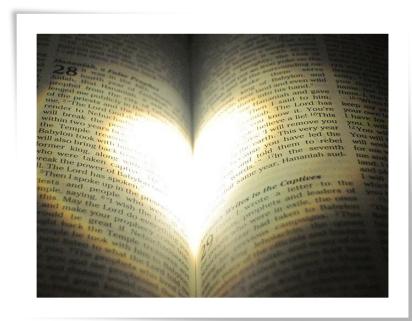
May the words of Jesus be
On my mind
On my lips and
In my heart

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



We are still and silent as we reflect on God's word for us in the Gospel.



What do you remember about the gospel reading that we heard today?

What does John call Jesus, right at the beginning of our story today? John calls Jesus "Teacher". What is a teacher? Who is your teacher?



A teacher is someone who helps us to learn, who inspires and guides us, who shows us how to do things and helps us to be the best we can be.



It is important for all people around the world to have a chance to learn.

Daniel lives in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He joined a workshop to learn carpentry.



He says, "We learned to make cabinets. We learned to make tables. We learned to make beds. And many other things, like chairs to sit on. I was really focusing on my work because I knew this is what is going to help me tomorrow and in the future."





Without this training, Daniel might have ended up involved in the fighting in his country. He's really glad he did the workshop, but he feels sad that some of his other friends didn't get to go to school.

Jesus came to teach the disciples, and all of us, about God, his Father. He came to show us the way to live our lives to please God and to help us to know God better.



Jesus tells the disciples that anyone who is not against him, who is not Jesus' enemy, is his friend. And Jesus says that anyone who treats people well because they follow him will be loved by him and be rewarded in heaven.



Do you believe that Jesus is our friend, a teacher who loves and cares for all of us always?

But how do we show that we are friends or followers of Jesus? What would Jesus like us to do?



Just like Jesus cares for us all, he asks us to care for one another. Not just the people we know, our friends and our family, but for all people around the world. And to show our love and care for others in everything that we do.



Caring for others and following Jesus means being kind and generous and friendly and helpful.

It can mean making sure everyone has enough food to eat, and clean water to drink, or the chance to go to school.

But it can also mean sticking up for what is right and what we believe in.

We might have to choose to do the right thing when others are doing something wrong. We might need to speak out when we see something happening that we know is not right or fair.

In silence, pray for each other - that God will be with all of us.



Jesus calls us to learn from him and to love and care for one another. Let us remember this as we pray together: We pray for all people throughout the world: that they may all have the chance to learn the skills they need for the future.

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer We pray for all teachers: that God may give them wisdom as they guide us through life.

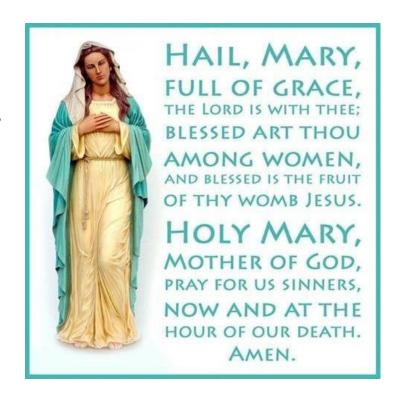
Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for our school, parish, families and friends: that we may be willing to listen and learn from others and to follow Jesus' teaching in all that we do.

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer We take a moment now to pray for our own intentions.

We ask Our Lady to intercede on our behalf as we say together...



God of life, guide us as we learn and lead us to care for one another as your Son taught us to.

Amen.

St Anthony

Pray for us

St Mark

Pray for us

St Francis

Pray for us

St Alban

Pray for us

How will you follow Jesus this Meeks

In the week ahead let's try to ...

- care for others
- ▶ Be kind and generous
- ▶ Be friendly and helpful
- Choose to do the right thing when others are doing something wrong.
- Speak out when we see something happening that we know is not right or fair.

Jesus, I offer my day to you Jesus, I offer my day to you Jesus, I offer my day to you

Let us go in peace Thanks be to God

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