

FAMILY SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Prepared weekly by the DBTI-Makati Family Ministry for the "church at home Sunday celebration of the Eucharist reflection" of the families of bosconians.



OPENING PRAYER

Dear Jesus,
 You are the Christ!
 In your name, we pray.
 Amen.

GOSPEL LEARNING

In today's Gospel, Peter speaks for all of the disciples when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ. The word Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-35 "Peter's Confession About Jesus"

A reading from the Gospel according to St. Mark

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days.

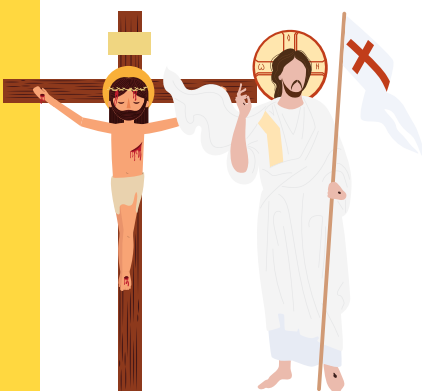
Family as "Church at Home" Guidelines:

1. THE COPY OF THE FSGR TEXT SERVES AS THE "LESSON PLAN" OF PARENTS WHO ARE THE FIRST CATECHISTS OF THEIR CHILDREN.
2. THE FSGR IS IMPLEMENTABLE WITHIN 30-45 MINUTES PER SESSION.
3. SACRED SPACE - THE "SACRED SPACE" OR THE "ALTAR" IS AN AREA WHERE THE FAMILY COULD PLACE THE CRUCIFIX, AN IMAGE OF MAMA MARY AND THE SAINTS, BIBLE, AND CANDLES.
4. OPTIONAL FAMILY SALO-SALO AFTER THE FSGR.





Jesus loved us so much that he was willing to suffer and die for us. As followers of Jesus, we are invited to accept both the cross and the glory of the Resurrection.



He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

1. Situation

Who are the people who sacrificed for your own good? What sacrifices did they make?

2. Gospel Theme

The sacrifices made by others for us are everyday examples of what it means to “deny [yourself], take up [your] cross, and follow me” (Mark 8:34). Jesus set an example for all his disciples to follow. He loved us so much that he was willing to suffer and die for us. As followers of Jesus, we are invited to accept both the cross and the glory of the Resurrection.

3. Gospel Challenge

As a family, take time to rest in God’s love. Remember those who made sacrifices so that you would have opportunities in life. Pray about the sacrifices you are making or feel called to make out of love for God and others.

CLOSING PRAYER

Dear Jesus,

Grant us the grace to be your disciples.

In your name, we pray.

Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...

MANO PO

The children say “mano po” to their parents who in turn may say “God bless you!”