

## Holy Family Church

### Family Catechism Schedule

01<sup>st</sup> JUN 2025 Ordinary Meeting 5 (St. Rita's Centre) 4pm – 7pm

- **Parents group:**

- Summer report: experiences of meetings at home during summertime.
- LECTIO DIVINA Lc 15, 11-34
- YouCat: III. Commandments: (nn. 122-137)
  - 4th commandment (nn. 122-123)
  - 5th – 7th commandments (nn. 124-129)
  - 8th – 10th + Church commandments (nn. 124-129)
  - Beatitudes; Mercy deeds (nn. 136-137)

- **Children group:**

- YouCat: **IV. PRAYER** God always has time. (nn. 138-148)
  - Let the children share what they have learned at home with their parents during the summer and summarize briefly the points regarding Prayer (nn. 138-148).
  - Have a brief moment of prayer giving thanks to the Lord for the holidays and asking help for the new course, in special for the fruitful reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.
- I belong 2: **Lord, have mercy.** (Penitential act)
  - Everyday life pp. 12-13
  - Bible: OT p. 14 Remember briefly the story of fall that they have already seen in former meetings.
  - Bible: NT pp.15-16 Read the parable of the Prodigal Son and have a simple reflection.
  - Church and everyday life: pp. 18-19
    - Experience of Mercy: God is Merciful p. 18
    - Living the Mercy with others. p. 19

(The drawing of the page 17 and the “family time” of page 20 is to be done with parents at home)

## FOR FAMILY MEETINGS AT HOME

### **I belong**

- Talk with them about what they have done in Catechism meeting.
- Have a “Family Lectio Divina” prayer using the reading of the Prodigal Son (Lc 15, 11-32) pp. 15-16
- Let them colour the drawing of page 17
- Make the activities of “Family Time” page 20

### **YouCat for Kids**

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## Gospel

Luke 15:1. 11-32

### The prodigal son and the Merciful Father

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:

‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”’