

Holy Family Church
Family Catechism Schedule

05th OCT 2025 Ordinary Meeting 9 (St. Rita's Centre) 4pm – 7pm

- **Children group**

- Share what they have done with their parents during this time of Christmas (liturgical celebrations and catechism; what stories about Jesus have they read or meditated with the Rosary)
- **I belong 6 Page 56** Draw the favourite story they have read about Jesus or write about it saying what they like about it.
- **You Cat IV 153-155:** Remind them how to pray the Rosary and pray one joyful mystery and one luminous mystery together.
- We have celebrated Christmas and we have meditated about the Birth and public life of Jesus. We have meditated these mysteries with the joyful and luminous mysteries of the Rosary. Next month we will meditate into his Passion, Death and Resurrection.
- Jesus is the Word of God, the Father speaks to us through his Son Jesus Christ, when we listen to his words and meditate on his life, we are listening to God our Father.
- We celebrate this communication especially during the liturgy of the Word within the Mass.
- **I belong 6 Page 59-60:** Read and comment the story of Samuel.
- **I belong 6 Page 63:** CHURCH liturgy of the Word explanation.
- **I belong 6 Page 61 bottom:** the sign of the three crosses.

- **Parents group**

- Last month report: experiences of meetings at home.
- **The Mystery of the Passion - Death and Resurrection of Christ.**
 - YouCat: I. Creed: (nn. 32-40)
 - 4. Passion and Death of Christ (nn. 32-36)
 - 5. Resurrection (nn. 37-40)
- **Easter Proclamation**
- **The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-18)**
- **The Passover (Exodus 12:1-8,11-14)**

[During Teatime I will project the second part \(Passion, Death and Resurrection\) of the film about Jesus. \(It takes 40 min\)](#)

FOR FAMILY MEETINGS AT HOME

- Talk with them about what they have done in Catechism meeting.
 - Read with them the Story of Samuel (I belong 59-60) and comment with them. We can during the Mass listen to God who speaks to us through the bible readings. We have to have the same attitude of Samuel.
 - Video of Samuel Story
- YouCat: I. Creed: (nn. 32-40)
 - 4. Passion and Death of Christ (nn. 32-36)
 - 5. Resurrection (nn. 37-40)
- Take a look to these numbers of the You Cat and comment with them about the story of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord.
- Chose different fragments of the Passion of Jesus and of his resurrection, read them and make *Lectio Divina* about it.
- Meditate in different days the sorrowful and the glorious mysteries of the Rosary. Each time one mystery.
- Watch with them the video of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord.

Longer Form of the Easter Proclamation

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,
exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,
let the trumpet of salvation
sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!
Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,
ablaze with light from her eternal King,
let all corners of the earth be glad,
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.
Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,
arrayed with the lightning of his glory,
let this holy building shake with joy,
filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

The Lord be with you. / **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. / **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. / **It is right and just.**

It is truly right and just,
with ardent love of mind and heart
and with devoted service of our voice,
to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father,
and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten.

Who for our sake paid Adam's debt to the eternal Father,
and, pouring out his own dear Blood,
wiped clean the record of our ancient sinfulness.

These, then, are the feasts of Passover,
in which is slain the Lamb, the one true Lamb,
whose Blood anoints the doorposts of believers.

This is the night,
when once you led our forebears, Israel's children,
from slavery in Egypt
and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea.

This is the night
that with a pillar of fire
banished the darkness of sin.

This is the night
that even now, throughout the world,
sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices
and from the gloom of sin,
leading them to grace
and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night,
when Christ broke the prison-bars of death
and rose victorious from the underworld.

Our birth would have been no gain,
had we not been redeemed.
O wonder of your humble care for us!
O love, O charity beyond all telling,

to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!

O truly necessary sin of Adam,
destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!

O happy fault
that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!

O truly blessed night,
worthy alone to know the time and hour
when Christ rose from the underworld!

This is the night
of which it is written:
The night shall be as bright as day,
dazzling is the night for me,
and full of gladness.

The sanctifying power of this night
dispels wickedness, washes faults away,
restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners,
drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty.

On this, your night of grace, O holy Father,
accept this candle, a solemn offering,
the work of bees and of your servants' hands,
an evening sacrifice of praise,
this gift from your most holy Church.

But now we know the praises of this pillar,
which glowing fire ignites for God's honour,
a fire into many flames divided,
yet never dimmed by sharing of its light,
for it is fed by melting wax,
drawn out by mother bees
to build a torch so precious.

O truly blessed night,
when things of heaven are wed to those of earth,
and divine to the human.

Therefore, O Lord,
we pray you that this candle,
hallowed to the honour of your name,
may persevere undimmed,
to overcome the darkness of this night.
Receive it as a pleasing fragrance,
and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.
May this flame be found still burning
by the Morning Star:
the one Morning Star who never sets,
Christ your Son,
who, coming back from death's domain,
has shed his peaceful light on humanity,
and lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Second reading

Genesis 22:1-18 ·

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith

God put Abraham to the test. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he called. ‘Here I am’ he replied. ‘Take your son,’ God said ‘your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.’

Rising early next morning Abraham saddled his ass and took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. He chopped wood for the burnt offering and started on his journey to the place God had pointed out to him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. Then Abraham said to his servants, ‘Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go over there; we will worship and come back to you.’

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering, loaded it on Isaac, and carried in his own hands the fire and the knife. Then the two of them set out together. Isaac spoke to his father Abraham, ‘Father’ he said. ‘Yes, my son’ he replied. ‘Look,’ he said ‘here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?’ Abraham answered, ‘My son, God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering.’ Then the two of them went on together.

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he said. ‘I am here’ he replied. ‘Do not raise your hand against the boy’ the angel said. ‘Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.’ Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

Abraham called this place ‘The Lord Provides’, and hence the saying today: *On the mountain the Lord provides.*

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. ‘I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.’

First reading

Exodus 12:1-8,11-14 ·

The Passover is a day of festival for all generations, for ever

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:

‘This month is to be the first of all the others for you, the first month of your year. Speak to the whole community of Israel and say, “On the tenth day of this month each man must take an animal from the flock, one for each family: one animal for each household. If the household is too small to eat the animal, a man must join with his neighbour, the nearest to his house, as the number of persons requires. You must take into account what each can eat in deciding the number for the animal. **It must be an animal without blemish, a male one year old**; you may take it from either sheep or goats. You must keep it till the fourteenth day of the month when the whole assembly of the community of Israel shall **slaughter it between the two evenings**. Some of the **blood** must then be taken and **put on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where it is eaten**. That night, the **flesh is to be eaten, roasted over the fire**; it must be eaten with **unleavened bread** and bitter herbs. You shall eat it like this: with a girdle round your waist, sandals on your feet, a staff in your hand. You shall eat it hastily: it is a passover in honour of the Lord. That night, I will go through the land of Egypt and strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, man and beast alike, and I shall deal out punishment to all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord! The blood shall serve to mark the houses that you live in. **When I see the blood I will pass over you and you shall escape the destroying plague when I strike the land of Egypt. This day is to be a day of remembrance for you, and you must celebrate it as a feast in the Lord’s honour**. For all generations you are to declare it a day of festival, for ever.’”