

Jesus mission for the church: Make Disciples



Drawing from Bible, Diocesan Pastoral Plan, and Catechism of the Catholic Church

Date **Sunday** **Theme at St. John's** **Saint**

2/11/2018 Confirmation Come Holy Spirit Paul the apostle

John 14:26 The Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name -- he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

DP In receiving the gift of the Spirit and answering the call into active service, the laity are united with Christ in fulfilling the mission of the church (p.88)

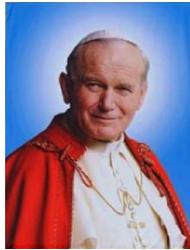


CCC 1276 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20)

2/18/2018 1st Lent Universal call to holiness John Paul II

Mk 1:15 Repent and believe in the gospel.

DP each person is called... through a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. (p.88)



CCC 1693 Christ Jesus always did what was pleasing to the Father, and always lived in perfect communion with him. Likewise Christ's disciples are invited to live in the sight of the Father "who sees in secret," in order to become "perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."

2/25/2018 2nd Lent Conversion to Christ Francis of Assisi

Mk 9:20 From the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.

DP May we embrace fully the life Christ desires for us. (p.93)



CCC 787 From the beginning, Jesus associated his disciples with his own life, revealed the mystery of the Kingdom to them, and gave them a share in his mission, joy, and sufferings. Jesus spoke of a still more intimate communion between him and those who would follow him: "Abide in me, and I in you. . . . I am the vine, you are the branches." And he proclaimed a mysterious and real communion between his own body and ours: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him."

3/4/2018 3rd Lent Forming disciples Angela Merici

Jn 2:22 When Jesus was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe in his name.

DP All of the baptized are called to evangelize by giving witness to faith, hope, and love in such a way that their example will transform the world in the love of Jesus Christ. (p.88)



CCC 158 "Faith seeks understanding": it is intrinsic to faith that a believer desires to know better the One in whom he has put his faith, and to understand better what He has revealed; a more penetrating knowledge will in turn call forth a greater faith, increasingly set afire by love. The grace of faith opens "the eyes of your hearts" to a lively understanding of the contents of Revelation: that is, of the totality of God's plan and the mysteries of faith, of their connection with each other and with Christ, the center of the revealed mystery. "The same Holy Spirit constantly perfects faith by his gifts, so that Revelation may be more and more profoundly understood."

3/11/2018 4th Lent Evangelization

Jn 3:21 Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

DP Evangelization is about bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to all who seek faith in his life-giving message. (p.88)

CCC 425 The transmission of the Christian faith consists primarily in proclaiming Jesus Christ in order to lead others to faith in him. From the beginning, the first disciples burned with the desire to proclaim Christ: "We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." And they invite people of every era to enter into the joy of their communion with Christ

Patrick



3/18/2018 5th Lent Intentional disciples John the Evangelist

Jn 12:20,26 Sir, we would like to see Jesus... Whoever serves me must follow me.

DP Everyone should painstakingly ready himself personally for the apostolate. (p..90)

CCC 173 "Indeed, the Church, though scattered throughout the whole world, even to the ends of the earth, having received the faith from the apostles and their disciples. . . guards [this preaching and faith] with care, as dwelling in but a single house, and similarly believes as if having but one soul and a single heart, and preaches, teaches and hands on this faith with a unanimous voice, as if possessing only one mouth."



3/25/2018 Palm Sunday Union with Christ

Mk 14:36 Abba, Father, all things are possible to you...not what I will but what you will.

DP In Vatican II The church in the modern world: Christ entered the world to give witness to the truth, to rescue and not to sit in judgement, to serve and not be served. (p.2)

CCC 562 Christ's disciples are to conform themselves to him until he is formed in them (cf. Gal 4:19). "For this reason we, who have been made like to him, who have died with him and risen with him, are taken up into the mysteries of his life, until we reign together with him" (LG 7 § 4).

Therese



4/1/2018 Easter In Christ the head, we live the truth in love

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Eph 4:15,16 Living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ, from whom the whole body... builds itself up in love.

CCC 645 By means of touch and the sharing of a meal, the risen Jesus establishes direct contact with his disciples. He invites them in this way to recognize that he is not a ghost

and above all to verify that the risen body in which he appears to them is the same body that had been tortured and crucified, for it still bears the traces of his Passion. Yet at the same time



this authentic, real body possesses the new properties of a glorious body: not limited by space and time but able to be present how and when he wills; ... the risen Jesus enjoys the sovereign freedom of appearing as he wishes: in the guise of a gardener or in other forms familiar to his disciples, precisely to awaken their faith.

4/8/2018 Divine Mercy Being a missionary disciple

Joan of Arc

Jn 20:20 Jesus came and stood in their midst... Peace be with you.

DP Like the first disciples, each of us is called into the mission field to proclaim Christ crucified and risen... The Lord has promised to be with us always. (i)

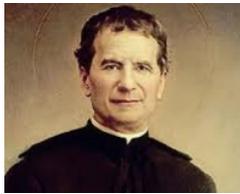
CCC 1823 Jesus makes charity the new commandment. By loving his own "to the end," he makes manifest the Father's love which he receives. By loving one another, the disciples imitate the love of Jesus which they themselves receive. Whence Jesus says: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love." And again: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."



4/15/2018 2nd Easter Formation human

John Bosco

(recent formation teaching) All the baptized are called to grow in virtue, developing their abilities to relate to others in meaningful and appropriate ways. We demonstrate an affective maturity and healthy lifestyle; the goal is for one to "put on the mind of Christ" and see the world through the lens of the Gospel.



DP Formation in the Catholic way of life must be intentional and life long. (p.92)

CCC 1785 In the formation of conscience the Word of God is the light for our path, we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must also examine our conscience before the Lord's Cross. We are assisted by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, aided by the witness or advice of others and guided by the authoritative teaching of the Church.

4/22/2018 3rd Easter Formation spiritual Mary Magdalene

(recent formation teaching) We deepen personal prayer life, and appreciate the Church's public prayer. We develop a healthy, integrated sense of the Christian devotion, including the Blessed Mother, saints and other facets of the Catholic tradition, so we help others in their journey as followers of Christ.



DP Lay Catholics are responsible for their own faith formation (p.90)

CCC 2621 In his teaching, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray with a purified heart, with lively and persevering faith, with filial boldness. He calls them to vigilance and invites them to present their petitions to God in his name. Jesus Christ himself answers prayers addressed to him.

4/29/2018 4th Easter Formation pastoral

Lawrence

(recent formation teaching) Following Christ the Good Shepherd, we learn the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and care for those we meet.

DP ... the parish is in the position to reach ... persons ... in the life of fraternal charity. (p.91)

CCC 949 In the primitive community of Jerusalem, the disciples "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers."



5/6/2018 5th Easter Formation intellectual Ignatius Loyola

(recent formation teaching) We understand the essentials of Christian doctrine in the Catholic tradition. We live the truth in love so that we can give witness to the faith of the Church.



DP Formation ... lays a firm foundation for Catholics to grow in their union with Christ, while at the same time to grow in self awareness. (p.91)
CCC 155 In faith, the human intellect and will cooperate with divine grace: "Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace."

5/13/2018 Ascension Stewardship: disciples who are hospitable, faithful, life long learners Zacchaeus

Eph 4:11 Christ gave some as apostles ... to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ



DP Stewardship... challenges us to plan and prioritize our lives... how we are living generous hospitality, lively faith, and intentional discipleship. (p. 36)

CCC 952 "They had everything in common." "Everything the true Christian has is to be regarded as a good possessed in common with everyone else. All Christians should be ready and eager to come to the help of the needy ... and of their neighbors in want." A Christian is a steward of the Lord's goods.

5/20/2018 Pentecost Birth of the church Peter

Acts 2:32-33 God raised Jesus; of this, we are all witnesses... he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, as you see and hear.



DP .. enabling each person... to exercise more effectively those charismatic gifts which the Holy Spirit has bestowed on him for the good of his brothers. (p.90)

CCC 1076 The Church was made manifest to the world on the day of Pentecost by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Spirit ushers in a new era in the "dispensation of the mystery" the age of the Church, during which Christ manifests, makes present, and communicates his work of salvation through the liturgy of his Church, "until he comes." In this age of the Church Christ now lives and acts in and with his Church.

