

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family had a refreshing, if somewhat different, spring break. We have to try to stay optimistic and have hope of things improving. The weather is beautiful, and Easter is on its way!

Let's pray together this week for:

- For the church, leading people to God
- For world leaders that they may lead with courage, wisdom and compassion
- For all those struggling
- For our parish community as they lead us by example

The work to cover in their "Be My Disciples" book this week is:

- Pages 247 – 248 for all levels

You will find below the duo tang masters that show different questions than those you received in your duo tang. Remember, the questions to be answered are those in the duo-tang you received at book pick-up, not the questions on the masters below. I encourage you to use the questions below to open a dialogue with your child.

The prayer service this week can be found at <https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2021-03-14>.

Feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Have a Blessed week!

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Bring It into the Light

This Week's Readings at Mass

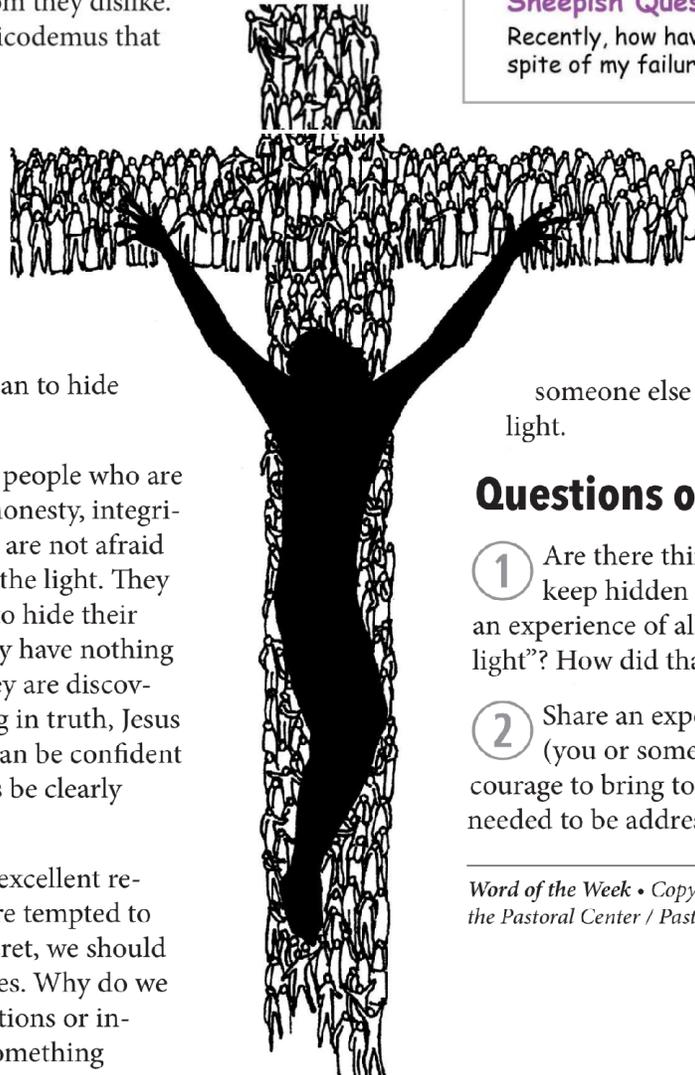
- ▶ 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 - Defeat of Judah
- ▶ Ephesians 2:4-10 - Generosity of God's plan
- ▶ John 3:14-21 - Jesus' teaching to Nicodemus

In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches often about light and darkness. It is from here that we get the image of Christ as the light of the world, a light that can never be overcome, no matter how deep the darkness of the world might seem at times.

Nicodemus—a Pharisee—comes to Jesus at night, probably because he doesn't want the other Pharisees to see him meeting with Jesus, whom they dislike. Jesus explains to Nicodemus that people who are evil like to work in the dark where their wickedness can be hidden. They don't want to be exposed so they do what they can to hide their actions.

On the other hand, people who are trying to live with honesty, integrity, and truthfulness are not afraid to do their work in the light. They don't feel the need to hide their actions because they have nothing to be afraid of if they are discovered. If we are living in truth, Jesus assures us that we can be confident in letting our works be clearly seen.

This dialogue is an excellent reminder that if we are tempted to keep something secret, we should question our motives. Why do we need to hide our actions or intentions? Is there something



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“By grace you have been saved by faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God.”

Sheepish Question:
Recently, how have I experienced God's grace in spite of my failures?

we are trying to cover up, and if so, why? St. Ignatius urged people to pay attention to when they were tempted to keep something secret. In such cases, he suggested they intentionally tell someone else about it so as to bring it into the light.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Are there things you have been tempted to keep hidden or secret? If so, have you also had an experience of allowing something to “come to the light”? How did that bring you freedom or relief?
- 2 Share an experience of a time when someone (you or someone else you know) had the courage to bring to light a troubling situation that needed to be addressed. What happened?