

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first week of our at-home program! While the format is different from what we are used to, please remember that I am here to offer you support in any way possible.

This weekend we are celebrating the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the prayer service for this week you will see that we are praying for:

- We pray for all the leaders in our nation and local communities, that they may lead with wisdom, justice, and love for all,
- We pray for all those who suffer because of injustice and judgment because of their skin color, their religion, or any other form of discrimination. May we all work for justice because every single person is a child of God.

The lesson plan for the students this week is to complete the exercise in their duo tang based on the files I have attached.

The chapter to cover in their “Be My Disciples” book this week is:

- Level One – Chapter 8
- Level Two – Chapter 8
- Level Three – Level 7
- Level Four – Chapter 10
- Level Five – Chapter 9
- Level Six – Chapter 1

I encourage you to visit our website and spend time on the prayer service with your family. Our website is www.saintveronicasdorval.ca Go to the Family Faith Education page. You can also view the duo tang masters below. Remember, the questions to be answered are those in the duo-tang you received at book pick-up, not the questions on the website version. I encourage you to use the questions on the website to open a dialogue with your child. Children in Pre-K and K will also enjoy the Interactive Bible Story of the week.

The prayer service this week can be found at: <https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2020-10-04>. Feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Have a Blessed week!

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THE DISCIPLES

Commissioned by Christ

Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-20; John 24:36-53 ♦

RHYTHM STORY

They were gathered on a hillside
on a very special day.
Jesus gave a great commission,
he had special words to say.

“I am going back to heaven,
but there’s work on earth to do.
You’re my friends and my disciples.
I’m entrusting it to you.

I have power on earth and heaven,
and I’m telling you to go
to people everywhere on earth
My love and care to show.

Teach them all the things I’ve told you.
Baptize them into the name
of the Father, Son, and Spirit.
“Tell the reason why I came.

Even though I’ll be far from you,
lo, I’ll always be with you.
And my very special blessing
will be on everything you do.”

“Syncopated Story” *Fifty Ways for the Fifty Days*. Wezeman, Phyllis Vos. Prescott, AZ: Educational Ministries, Inc., 1990.

Look to the Good Things

This Week's Readings at Mass

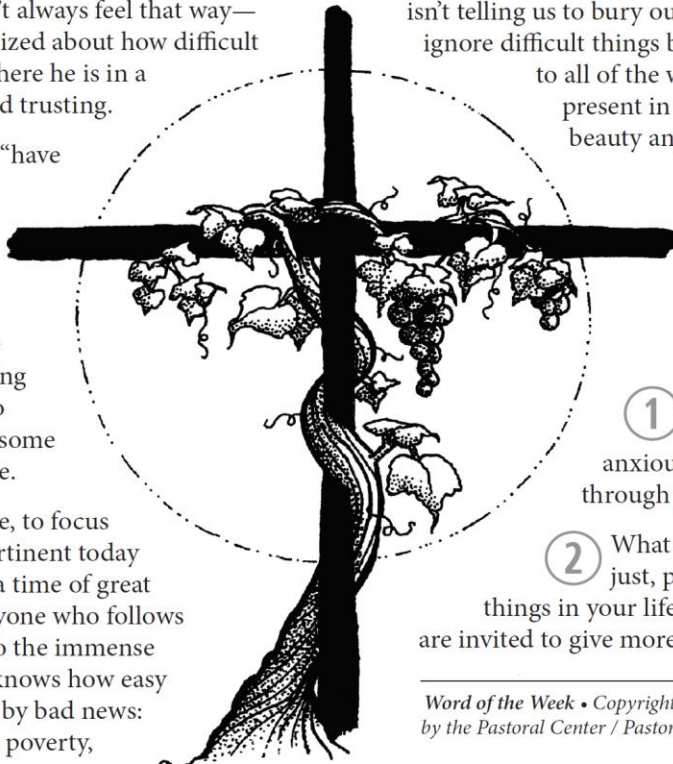
- ▶ Isaiah 5:1-7 - The vineyard song
- ▶ Philippians 4:6-9 - Joy and peace in Christ
- ▶ Matthew 21:33-43 - Parable of the tenants

We don't often focus on the second reading from the epistles, but Paul has a particularly beautiful message for us this week.

The words in Paul's letter to the Philippians are timeless in their comfort and encouragement, especially considering that historians think Paul wrote them while he was imprisoned. By the time of this writing, Paul had suffered immensely as a result of his faith. During his travels throughout the Mediterranean world teaching and preaching about Jesus, Paul had been arrested, beaten, imprisoned, chased out of town, shipwrecked, gone hungry, and bitten by a poisonous snake. Yet at times, he was still able to feel profound peace and gratitude and offer his troubles to God in prayer. We know from some of his other letters that he didn't always feel that way—there were times he agonized about how difficult his life journey was. But here he is in a good space, confident and trusting.

Paul's encouragement to "have no anxiety at all" may be easier said than done. Sometimes we can't just turn off our anxiety. Other times, though, just the reminder that we can bring our fears and concerns to God in prayer can bring some relief and a sense of peace.

Paul's next piece of advice, to focus on the good, is just as pertinent today as it was for him during a time of great suffering and unrest. Anyone who follows the news or is attentive to the immense pain in the world today knows how easy it is to feel overwhelmed by bad news: natural disasters, racism, poverty,



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"Keep on doing what you have learned, received, heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you."

Sheepish Question:
How and with whom shall I SHARE the peace of God in Christ Jesus today?

illness, etc. The media feeds us the more sensationalized stories—focusing on the one plane that crashes rather than the many that land safely each day. Paul isn't telling us to bury our heads in the sand and ignore difficult things but to turn our attention to all of the ways God is active and present in the world: in matters of beauty and truth and honor. This advice is an antidote just as needed today as any time in history.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Have you ever had an experience of being anxious but then finding peace through prayer?
- 2 What are some true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, or gracious things in your life right now to which you are invited to give more attention?