

CLASS WORK # 13 . Strengthening our Relationship with Christ & His Church December 12, 2021

+ Decision Point 9 Intro. The First Christians

- Christianity _____ the world. It still does!!
- How did early Christians set themselves apart from the culture? _____
- God wants you to _____ against the culture. Be counter culture...

+Advent 2021.

- What does purple symbolize in Catholic Church. From session 11..

- What will I do to prepare, purify myself to celebrate the birth of Jesus?

+ Chosen 20.1 What would Jesus Do?

- Like water and nutrients, _____ sustains our spiritual health.
- But after grace sustains us, we are called to let it _____ from us to others.
- Blessed are Poor in Spirit = When not _____ to stuff. "I can't live without"
- Blessed are those who Mourn = _____
- Blessed are the Meek = Doesn't mean I am a wimp, but I am _____, kind of heart
- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for Righteousness = I am at ease, at peace because I know I am doing what _____ wants me to do.
- Blessed are the Clean of Heart = we work to stay free from _____ so we can see God more clearly.
- Blessed are the Merciful = I am open, willing to _____ others even if I don't like them.
- Blessed are the Peacemakers =
 1. Peace of Mind: knowing the _____
 2. Peace of Heart: doing God's will, not just what I _____
- Blessed are those who are Persecuted = I have the _____ to stand for truth!

+ Chosen 20.3 Living the Beatitudes

- Happiness is Ultimately _____ in Beatific Vision (when we see God face to face)
- The _____ we experience here on earth only a _____ of the Beatific Vision.
- 1 Corinthians 2:9. Life on Earth is _____ for Life in Heaven.
- A Happy Life, A Holy Life, A Fulfilling life is made possible by the _____ living in us.
- Jesus came to help us be our _____ selves.

+ Altaration 3.2. The Greatest Gift

- We _____ with Priest towards the Altar.
- Altar is _____ of all Grace.
- Liturgy: A _____ work done in _____ for _____.
- Liturgy of Word. God _____ to his children. What is God trying to show me, tell me??
- Liturgy of Eucharist.
- Everything at Mass is meant to be an _____ with Jesus.
- At Mass, the God of the Universe _____ off of the altar in _____ our lives.

+ Decision Point 9.1

- The Church: Big _____ of Faith.
- A Community. We need _____ other. We need people _____ life with.
- We need the Church and the Church needs us. We need to _____ and _____ our talents.
- _____ Love. Unconditional. A choice we make even if others don't love us back.

+ Decision Point 6.3 What is Love?

One of life's biggest question. What you decide to love really matters.

Love is...

John 4:8 God is love. Don't know God, don't know love

John 3:16. For God so loved the world.....

Jesus teaches us Love is greatest of commandments. Love God and neighbor

John 15:13 Jesus. Self donation is essence of love. Lay down one's life

Jesus. Love is also action and models it. it is selfless

John 15:12 love as I have loved you.

He wants us to love each other so they can have eternal life.

Love is NOT...

Physical pleasure, have fun, self manipulation, a feeling

Mutual giving and taking, no taking in love...

Love is a Choice

Love rearranges priorities

Bruce Barton. 2 Seas story. Sea of Galilee receives Jordan but does not keep. Other "Dead" sea keeps every drop it gets.

We can love because God loved us first.

Ends with Father's quote....

+ One thing I learned today.....