

St. Bernadette Church Family Prayer



A simple faith sharing process to put Jesus' message
at the heart of your family..

Opening Gesture

Your word O Lord
is in our minds,

make a cross with your thumb over your forehead

in our hearts

make a cross with your thumb over your heart

and on our lips

make a cross with your thumb over your lips

Amen.

Reflect & Share

1. In today's Gospel, the first part of Jesus' response to the scribe is taken from Deuteronomy 6:4-5. It is also the first part of the *Shema*, a very important section of the Torah that is recited by Jews in the morning and at night. This prayer is part of what is often written on pieces of parchment and placed in *mezuzahs*—or special containers—to be hung on the doorposts in the rooms in Jewish homes. Work together to create a special container similar to a mezuzah. Decorate it with crayons, markers, stickers, and embellishments that express faith and love. Invite each family member to choose a message such as, "Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone!" or "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart" or "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Ask them to write or draw their choices on parchment paper or on drawing paper. Place the messages in the container. Put it near the door used the most. . This should encourage them to honor the Scripture passages. Discuss: "The Lord our God is Lord alone!" means . . . One way I can love God more is . . . "Love your neighbor as yourself" means . . . One way I love myself is . . .

Scripture Reading

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 4, 2018



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the teachers of the Law of Moses came up while Jesus and the Sadducees were arguing.

When he heard Jesus give a good answer, he asked him, "What is the most important commandment?"

Jesus answered, "The most important one says:

'People of Israel, you have only one Lord and God.

You must love him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.'

The second most important commandment says:

'Love others as much as you love yourself'

No other commandment is more important than these."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Closing Prayer

Jesus, we know you are with us.
We will call on your name always.

Jesus, you know all our needs.
You are always ready to help us.

Give us the courage to be your
faithful followers each and every day.

Amen.

The Message His Message Our Message.