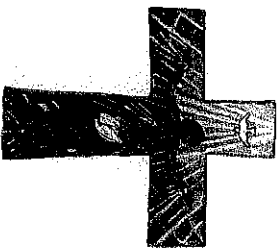


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Dear Parents,

The forty days of Lent are a time for repentance, sacrifice, and, above all, an exceptional time to grow closer to God and to our brothers and sisters. We should be joyful and eager to experience conversion, as Saint Mark urges us in his Gospel. Our efforts to pray, to fast, and to share shouldn't discourage us. If we carry them out with sincerity, they will open our hearts to the love of God and unite us more closely to our brothers and sisters. So let's rejoice and enjoy a wonderful Lent!



● Pray as a family

The family prayer this month could be a morning (or evening) offering. In this offering, we can gather up all of our Lenten "efforts" and unite them to Christ's offering on the cross. It can include all of our joys and sorrows of the day, and especially our acts of love and thoughtfulness toward each other. Let us offer our lives to the Lord. Only he can transform them and help us to experience the beauty, meaning, and joy of his presence in daily life.

3rd week of Lent: Be generous.

"Lord, we have been working on our generosity this week. We unite our efforts to your cross, on which you gave your life with the greatest generosity. We offer you all that we have and are. Thank you for the happiness that comes from generosity."

4th week of Lent: Give and receive forgiveness.

"Lord, we have been working on forgiveness throughout this week. We unite our efforts to your cross, through which you won the forgiveness of our sins. We offer you all that we have and are. Thank you for joy of forgiveness."

5th week of Lent: Grow in friendship.
"Lord, we have been working on our friendships with you and with others. We unite our efforts to your cross, on which you restored our friendship with the Father. We offer you all that we have and are. Thank you for the happiness that comes from friendship."

● Palm Sunday

The family returns from the Palm Sunday Mass with blessed palm branches. The parent who is leading opens the prayer with:

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

All make the sign of the cross. The parent continues with:

"Six days before the Easter celebration, when the Lord made his entry into Jerusalem, the children went up to greet him."

All say: *"Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

"Open the doors: let Christ enter the King of glory!"

"Who, then, is this King of glory?"

"It is the Lord, God of the universe!"

"Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

The family can attach palms to the crucifix. Then conclude the prayer with the sign of the cross.

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

● Holy Week: Live Holy Week with devotion.

"Lord, this week is the most grace-filled week of the year. We unite our efforts this week to your cross, on which you died on Good Friday. We offer you all that we have and are. Thank you for the happiness that comes from celebrating Holy Week."

Each week, the parent who is leading concludes with:

"Lord, you know our hearts. Give us the strength to live as a loving family and to spread the sweetness of love wherever we go."

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen."

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

All make the sign of the cross.

