



Hello KCS Families,

I hope everyone had a nice weekend. Just a couple of up-dates as we begin another week of Distance-Learning.

- Thank you all for the feedback about week one! There is a learning curve to this, and we will all get the hang of it. I heard of two major areas of concern from you- technology and workload.

1. Technology- please continue to send me or KCTech@kingstoncatholic.org any issues. We will do our best to help.

2. Work load- parent feedback falls into three categories: too much, too little, or just the right amount. Honestly, I am not at all surprised by this. If you consider the wide variety of realities our families are dealing with, this is understandable. Add to that, the disparities in the students' ages, interests, independence levels, comfort with technology, access to technology, and it all gets very complicated. The situation we are in is pushing education towards more individualization than ever. Right now, our students do not all need to complete the same assignments, in the same amount of time, in the same way, on the same days. I sincerely say to you, please do what works for your family and do not stress about what is not being done. Please focus on ELA, religion, and math. If you have time for more, that is wonderful! If not- maybe later, maybe not. It's OK.

- Request for Transportation forms for the fall are still due to your public school district office by April 1st. Please see last week's family envelope on-line for details.
- Please check, or have your child check, the student's Google Classroom email daily.
- In an effort to make school calendars uniform throughout the Archdiocese, and because transportation is no longer a factor, our Easter break has been moved to April 9-17. It is a few days further away, but it adds a day to the break! (My family is tracking "Silver Linings" during our time at home, and an extra day off is definitely a Silver Lining!)
- During this time of high stress and uncertainty, our ADAPP counselor, Mrs. Jeanette Mazzarella, remains available to students and families. If you would like to speak with her, please send me an email.
- Next week, we will be distributing Chromebooks to students who need a device. If you haven't already emailed me, please let me know if your family needs a Chromebook.

Be well and safe,

Mrs. Albert



New Information
for transportation forms for the
20-21 school year...

Transportation forms are now due by
April 15th.

If you already sent in your form to the KCS office, we will be going into school within the next few days and will be able to retrieve the ones you filled out and mail them to transportation. If you have not filled one out but need transportation for the fall school year, you can find the forms posted in last week's envelope. Fill it out and either email it or mail it to your district, making sure you send it in a way you can prove.

If you have any questions, please contact me at
Dennise.Germano@kingstoncatholic.org

Stay well and hope to see everyone soon!



If you ordered from
Gertrude Hawk,
your order will be ready for pick up
at the school
on
Wednesday, April 8, 2020.

A schedule will be made up
giving times for pick up
via an IRIS alert.

If you have questions, please email

Dennise.Germano@KingstonCatholic.org



*We may be apart physically, however,
spiritually we remain a community!*

*To somewhat remedy this situation and to continue to impart
our motto of Knowledge, Community, Service*

You and your children are invited to send a show of respect,
love and support to our very own pastor, Fr. Bill Scafidi.

Fr. Bill, right now, is missing his flock and wouldn't it be great
to bring a smile to his face!

Draw a picture, color it, send a note to brighten his day and
let him know we miss him.

You can mail it directly to him at:

St. Mary's, 160 Broadway, Kingston, N.Y 12401



How about a fun activity to help your child do while at home?

Help your child create a Vision Board.

You might ask, what should I put on my vision board....Anything that inspires and motivates you! The purpose of your vision board is to bring everything on it to life.

What you'll need:

- Any kind of board - cork board, poster board, foam board, etc.
- Scissors, tape, pins, and/or a glue-stick to put your board together.
- Fun markers, stickers, or anything else you can think of to deck out your board.
- Magazines that you can cut images and quotes from.
- Photos, quotes, sayings, images of places you want to go, reminders of events, places, or people, postcards from friends and just about anything that will inspire you.

Time. Give yourself a stress-free hour or two to put your board together.

Have Fun! Be creative!

And when you are finished, send a picture for us to post on the K CS Facebook page.



Palm Sunday

Prayer

Lord God,

I give you thanks, for you are good, and your mercy is endless.

Here I stand, at the start of this holy week,

This week in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death,

And I am distracted by many things.

Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your name

The one who opens the gates of righteousness

The one who answers when we call.

I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me,

And for sending your son to us, in human frailty.

To walk the road we walk.

Open my eyes that I may see him coming,

And may praise him with a pure heart.

And may walk in the way of his suffering,

And share also in his resurrection.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen

Palm Sunday for Children- The Story of People Waving Palms to Jesus



by *Sharla Guenther*

As Jesus came closer to Jerusalem, he asked two of his disciples to go ahead of Him. He said, "When you get to the town, you will see a donkey tied up. Untie it, and bring it to me. If anyone asks you about taking the donkey, just tell them, 'The Lord needs it and He will bring it back as soon as He's done with it.'"

So, the disciples did as Jesus asked. They soon found the donkey tied at a doorway. As they were untying it, some people were standing nearby visiting. They didn't recognize the men and asked, "What are you doing? Why are you untying the donkey?"

They replied just as Jesus had told them to. Explaining that the Lord needed it, the people let them go.

When they brought the donkey to Jesus, some of the disciples took off their coats and laid them on the donkey's back. They did this out of respect for Jesus. Then Jesus rode on the donkey towards Jerusalem.

As He was traveling, some people saw Jesus coming and came running towards Him. They had heard He might be coming and they wanted to see him because he had just helped a dead man come back to life.

One by one, they laid their coats on the ground for the donkey to step on. Even the people that weren't wearing coats ran to the fields and trees nearby and cut palm branches and laid them down.

These people knew that Jesus was special. It was like when a King or Queen would come to town, and people would roll out a red carpet for him or her to step on. This is what these people did for Jesus when they laid down their coats and branches.

As they got even closer to the town, more and more people noticed Jesus. A crowd surrounded Him and started to shout praises to Him for all the miracles He had done: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna, Hosanna!"

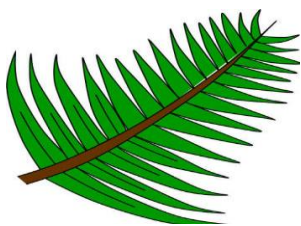
The word Hosanna means *save us*. They said this because Jesus was helping them and doing amazing things. They wanted to praise Him, and they wanted Him to keep helping them.

Some men named Pharisees (these men thought they were important; a lot of the people listened to them). They heard the crowd praising God. They said to Jesus, "Teacher, why don't you tell these people to stop praising you as if you were God?"

The Pharisees thought that Jesus was getting too much attention from the people. They wanted to be the most important, but everyone was listening to Jesus instead.

Jesus replied, "If they were quiet now, even the rocks would cry out!" Even the rocks knew that He was God; after all, Jesus did make them.

Now Jesus could see Jerusalem and it made Him very sad. He came to help the people, but no one realized that He was God, and they didn't accept Him.



To celebrate Palm Sunday- make a paper Palm leaf for Jesus!
See Pinterest for ideas. Share your creations on our Facebook page.