



A FAMILY OF
Faith

**January Parent Advisory
Session Sunday**

Agenda

Opening Prayer – Norann McManus

December Review Poll

January Focus and Themes

Who Is Jesus?

What Is Baptism?

Overview and Suggestions

Closing Prayer – Steve Mans



Key Points for January

God so loved the world that He gave His Son, so that whoever believed in Him would have eternal life. – John 3:16

Jesus lived among us to reveal

The Truth of who He is (God the Son)

The Way to eternal life

The Life that He has planned for us

The Miracles of Jesus help us to know Him... He is further revealed to us.



Key Points for January

Jesus came to call everyone to the Kingdom of God.

Baptism forgives all of our sin, including Original Sin, and makes us adopted children of God.

Jesus' life, death and resurrection redeems us and offers us eternal life.

St. Paul once persecuted Christians, but had a miraculous conversion and became a great missionary, teacher and author. The Feast Day of his conversion is January 25.



This January in Our Liturgical Calendar

January 1 – Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

January 3- Feast of the Epiphany (Traditionally on January 6)

January 10- Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Ordinary Time begins after evening prayer on this Feast)

January 11- First Weekday in Ordinary Time

Some Other Feasts: St. Agnes on 1.21, Conversion of St. Paul on 1.25, Sts. Timothy and Titus on 1.26, St. Thomas Aquinas on 1.28



Faith Words to Know

Love- Choosing to give of yourself for the good of another.

Miracle- An event that cannot be naturally explained and is the result of God's action.

Truth- That which is and should be. God is the fullness of truth.

Baptism- A sacrament that Jesus gave us that forgives Original Sin, recreates us as children of God, and makes us members of the Church.



Who Is Jesus? By Bishop Barron

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Y4xacvLUXo>



The Gospel Story: God living a human life



Baptism: Humans living a Divine Life



Just as in Jesus, God took on human life,
so in Baptism, we take on a divine life.

Just as Jesus gave his life for us, so we the
baptized are called to give our lives for
him.



What Is Baptism?

Baptism By Sophia Sketchbook

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ww5GyWJaQ-Q&t=37s>

Or for younger children and families,
see the following two slides.



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- Choose “Born Into the Kingdom: The Miracle of Baptism”



The last thing Jesus
commanded before
Ascending into Heaven was
to **spread the Gospel**
and to **Baptize.**



Suggestions for January

Choose a Few That Are Right for You

Week of January 10: Attend Parent Advisory Session, Plan for January Lessons, Discussions and Activities for Your Family

Week of January 17, Family Time: Watch and Discuss the Baptism Video, Do the [Jesus Baptism Craft](#), or check out [these activities](#), Read and Discuss the Baptism Essay from pages 123-124, Look Up Baptism Dates for Your Family Members and Write them on your calendar so that you can celebrate each this year, Check in with your Family of Faith Facilitator



Suggestions for January Continued

Week of January 24, Family Time: Watch and Discuss the [St. Paul Video](#), Create an “Add On Scroll” with the Creed, Read and Discuss the Who Is Jesus Essay from p. 108, Create a John 3:16 Poster with your family, Check in with your Family of Faith Facilitator

Week of January 31, Family Reunion Group: Watch for messages from your Family Group Facilitators giving information on how to join your group on the 31st. Please respond to your facilitators and let them know if you will attend the Family Reunion Group. Make Plans as a family to all participate in the reunion meeting.





Please remember that just as your catechists/facilitators are ministering to you and your family, you can also minister to them.

A simple text, email, call or other response can provide the kindness and encouragement that they need on any given day.

And communicating with your family groups can encourage other families. These are hard times.

Let us build community and help one another through this together!



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[Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life](#)

https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/uploads/lessons_approved/January_Parent_Essays_SPANISH.pdf

[January English Guide Year 1](#)

[Enero Guía en Español Año 1](#)

Closing Prayer – Steve Mans (St. Joseph Family Group)

