

Catechism Lesson for Adults and Teens
Sunday, September 13

Sunday Before the Holy Cross

Read the Gospel Lesson. John 3: 13-17

Discussion questions.

1. This Gospel passage is very short. Read it again and write down anything that jumps out to you about it.

2. John 3:16 summarized the Gospels basically in one sentence. Let's explore the basic beliefs of the faith and write down why you believe them or why you have a hard time believing them.
 - a. There is a God. (is that easy or hard to believe and why?)

 - b. God created the world.

 - c. God created the world perfect.

 - d. The world has fallen.

 - e. Jesus came to save the world.

 - f. The Resurrection opens the path to all of us to Paradise.

 - g. JUDGING-----
MERCIFUL

On the line, please a mark according to whether you think God is more judging or more merciful. Why did you put the mark where it did?

3. Basic practices of Christians. Because this short passage of Scripture reminds us of the basic message of the Gospel, let's reflect on the basic practices of the church. Write down your thoughts on the importance of the following:

- a. Daily Prayer (how important is this?)
- b. Daily reading of Scripture
- c. Weekly worship
- d. Frequent reception of the Holy Sacraments, specifically Holy Communion and Confession
- e. Obedience to the Commandments, Moral living
- f. Charitable giving