

PARISH RESOURCES

July 12-17, 2020

Totus Tuus Domi is an at home series encouraging families to consider the calling of the Apostles and to begin conversations about vocations in their homes. This series revolves around the recently released **The Chosen** series which can be viewed for free using the Chosen App on mobile devices.

We will ask families to register to participate in this week-long event so that we can share with them the resources we are developing. Resources will be sent to families prior to the Sunday event kick-off including information regarding the episode to be watched, discussion questions, activities that can be done, virtues and Saint stories attached to each episode. Each day we will begin the day with morning prayer using zoom, introduction to the episode that day, a testimony, and instructions on that day's challenge. We would invite them to connect again in the evening for a small group type discussion, another testimony, and to end with Sung Night Prayer as we do at camp.

Activities and challenges will include a variety of food recipes, simple outdoor activities, family games, online quiz, photo scavenger hunt, backyard campout, neighborhood rosary walk, etc...

Optional Parish resources are included for parishes that may want to take one day or more that week to encourage families to participate. The anticipated resources for parishes will include a sample schedule, activities that could coincide but could be done in person, and some promotional resources.

LIVE ZOOM SESSIONS SCHEDULE

Sunday – July 12 – Episode 1 – I have called you by name (Optional #2 – Shabbat)

Live Evening Session 8:00-8:30pm (Testimony: Seminarian)

Monday – July 13 – Episode 3 – The Rock on Which it is Built

Live Morning Session – 9-9:30am (Testimony: Little Nuns of Jesus and Mary, Louisiana)

Live Evening Session – 8pm (Testimony: Seminarian)

Tuesday – July 14 – Episode 5 – The Wedding Gift

Live Morning Session – 9-9:30am (Testimony: Marian Sisters, Lincoln)

Live Evening Session – 8:00-8:30pm (Testimony: Seminarian)

Wednesday – July 15 – Episode 6 – Indescribable Compassion

Live Morning Session – 9-9:30am (Testimony: Seminarian)

Live Evening Session – 8:00-8:30pm (Testimony: Marian Sisters, Lincoln)

Thursday – July 16 – Episode 7 - Invitations

Live Morning Session – 9-9:30am (Testimony: Little Nuns of Jesus and Mary, Louisiana)

Live Evening Session – Adoration – 8-9pm (livestreamed with Testimony: Seminarian)

Friday – July 17 – Episode 8 – I am He

Live Morning Session – 9am (Testimony: Marian Sisters, Lincoln)

Live Closing Session – 12pm Closing Mass OLPH (livestreamed)

PARISH EVENT SCHEDULE RECOMMENDATIONS

We appreciate your willingness to encourage families to participate in Totus Tuus Domi this year. We believe it is a great opportunity to promote the conversation of vocations in our homes. Some optional parish event schedules are provided within this document as a way to connect with families in your parish by offering a fun parish event and to encourage them to participate in the week. An ideal opportunity would be to host a parish screening of at least the first episode leading up to the Sunday live zoom event. We are confident in the quality of the videos and have seen that families who have watched one or more episodes have a great interest to watch all the episodes.

Parish Event – Premier Video ahead of T2D Camp

Friday, Saturday or Sunday showing at the parish July 10th, 11th, or 12th)

If your parish event is planned for a Sunday evening the schedule should allow for families or parishes to connect to the Zoom call Sunday night at 8pm MST at home or together at the parish. If connecting with the live zoom call the parish could optionally end at the end of the introduction and testimony before Night Prayer begins and do chanted Sunday night prayer live at the parish.

Sample Schedule

Welcome & Introduce the Series and Totus Tuus Domi – 8min

Meal – 45min

Name Game – *see attached – choose one game* – 10min

Video – Episode 1 - 55min

Discussion – 15min

Night Prayer with ARRR during the reading portion led by the parish priest using the scripture Isaiah 43:1 - 20min

Sunday Schedule with Parish attending Live Zoom

Join Zoom call at 8pm MST

Welcome & Introduce the Series and Totus Tuus Domi – 8min

Meal – 45min

Name Game – *see attached – choose one game* – 10min

Video – Episode 1 - 55min

Discussion – 15min

Live Zoom – 30min

Optional close with Chanted Night Prayer at the parish not with live zoom (add 20min)

Discussion questions for families or table groups – Episode #1

What is the meaning of your name? What is the story behind why you were given your name?

Look up one of the following scriptures and someone at the table read it aloud: Isaiah 62:1-4, Genesis 7:4-6, Matthew 16:13-20

Why does God in these stories give people new names?

Why does Lilith react the way she does when Jesus calls her “Mary”? What is different in the way that Mary’s father said the scripture verse Isaiah 43:1 and the way Jesus says it?

When we read scripture we can know that we are hearing God speak to us. How can we read more scripture as a family?

Parish Event – Mid week Camp Week Event

In addition to a premier event, a parish could encourage continued participation by hosting a mid-week showing of the films on a regular day of the week you normally meet with your parish family. Ideally the schedule should allow for families or parishes to connect to the zoom call each night at 8pm MST at home or together at the parish. If connecting with the live zoom call the parish could optionally end before night prayer begins and do chanted Night Prayer live at the parish.

Wednesday Schedule with meal

Welcome & get feedback on how the series is going so far – 15min

Meal – 45min

Video – Episode 6 - 52min

Discussion – 15min

Live Zoom – 30 -45min (*One of Wednesday night's activities is a Virtual Family Talent Show featuring videos that families or individuals are invited to submit before Wednesday afternoon. Depending on the quantity and quality of the submission we would pick a handful of videos to share with everyone via zoom. The topic for Wednesday from Episode 6 is the way that Jesus shows compassion in healing a leper and healing the paralytic. Families will be given an opportunity to send us a video showing a skit of a healing story from the bible, a song, or a still image if they don't have video capabilities.*)

Optional close with night prayer at the parish not with live zoom (add 20min)

Discussion questions for families or table groups – Episode #6

Which part of this episode was the most different from how you imagined it being when previously reading the passage in scripture? Besides being healed of a deadly disease what was the benefit to the leper that Jesus indicates in his instructions to him? What ways do we help bring our friends to Jesus just like the friends of the paralytic? Are there ways we can make more of an effort to invite our friends to Mass and a deeper intimacy with Jesus?

Thursday Schedule:

Welcome & get feedback on how the series is going so far – 15min

Meal – 45min

Video – Episode 7 - 37min

Discussion – 15min

Live Zoom – Adoration – 1hr

Optional close with adoration and night prayer at the parish instead of on zoom. We encourage a candle lit procession around the church singing. The song we normally sing Thursday night for this is "Lord Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary".

Discussion questions for families or table groups – Episode #7

Did it surprise you how quickly Matthew agreed to follow Jesus? What sort of things does the Roman soldier tell Matthew to try to discourage him from following Jesus? What sort of things have we heard this week that we could do as a family that will make us more ready to respond to God's call? Why was Peter so resistant to Jesus inviting Matthew to follow him? What did you think of how Jesus responded to Peter?

Families could share with each other the moment(s) they heard the Lord call them to something specific and how they responded.

Friday Schedule - Evening Event:

Welcome & get feedback on how the series is going so far – 15min

Meal – 45min

Video – Episode 8 - 60min

Discussion – 15min

Optional close with night prayer at the parish not with live zoom (add 20min)

Friday Schedule – Morning Event with Mass:

Welcome & get feedback on how the series is going so far – 15min

Video – Episode 8 - 60min

Discussion – 15min

Close with Mass – 30min

Discussion questions for families or table groups – Episode #8

What are the obstacles to Nicodemus following Jesus? What is so heartbreaking to Nicodemus at the end of the episode? We hear about Nicodemus again later in John's Gospel – do you remember where? (John 19:39-42)

Obedience at the risk of derision and opposition from others, even from our usual way of life seems impossible. Discuss the different ways people reacted to Jesus' directions, the directions of family, and from peers.

Jesus mentions several times that he's not trying to bring people 'easy', nor is he here to deliver them from their oppressive government. What is Jesus' purpose in coming and in bringing His disciples to follow him? Watching the series what are some of the ways you've seen that indicate Jesus' mission in the world?

Do some self-reflection, has there ever been a time in your life where you were as excited about Jesus as the woman at the well was? How can we bring back some of that excitement?

PARISH EVENT GAMES

These games tie into Episode 1 from The Chosen. Before showing the movie transition from dinner or welcome to playing one of these name games.

Blanket Drop

What You Need:

A large blanket

A way to keep score

What You Do:

1. Break the participants up into 2 groups OR, if it is a large crowd, choose two smaller groups of 6-8 people each.
2. Have these groups line up opposite each other with a space between them (see diagram).
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3. Find 2 volunteers who will stand between the two teams and hold the blanket between them, thus screening the teams from each other.
4. Explain that for each round, each team will choose one person from their side to approach their side of the blanket. On the count of 3, the people holding the blanket will drop the blanket, and the players will try and say each other's names. Whoever says the other person's name first gets a point for their team. The volunteers will raise the blanket and the next round begins.
5. Teams can play for a set amount of time ("Whoever gets the most points in 5 minutes wins!") or until one team reaches 10 points.

What Ifs:

If it is a group that may not know each other's names, have them say aloud their names for the other team to hear.

If a team so desires, they may have players repeatedly volunteer to stand at the blanket.

Compass

What You Need:

Space for teams of 6-10 to stand in a circle with their arms outstretched and not touching another.

What You Do:

1. To begin this game, have everybody should gather in a circle with one person standing in the center. This person will be “the caller”.
2. The caller points to a random member of the circle and says one of the following terms: “The Right”, “The Left”, “Myself” or “Yourself”. The player that has been pointed at by “the caller” will have to answer with the proper name within five seconds.
 - Yourself: Gives their own name.
 - Myself: Gives the name of the caller.
 - The Left: Gives the name of the person on their left.
 - The Right: Gives the name of the person on their right.
3. If the wrong name is called, or if the five-second window passes without an answer, the player will become the caller. If the correct name is called, the caller will then point to the next person in the circle.

Fruit Basket

What You Need:

A ball of any size for each circle

**If you're daring, multiple balls of different kinds or sizes and other things that can be "tossed", ie small stuffed animals, frisbees, hats, etc.*

What You Do:

1. If the group is larger than 20 people, have it break into groups of 10-20 people.
2. Ask each group to form a circle. For good spacing ask them to stand with their arms outstretched. If they aren't able to touch the person next to them, they are spaced correctly. (This is only for spacing purposes. They don't have to hold their arms out for the game.)
3. Have each person in the circle say their name one at a time.
4. The person whose birthday was the most recent will be given the ball/tossing items. They will then be instructed to say a person's name in the circle and toss the ball to them at the same time. That person catches the ball and in turn says another person's name (a name that has not already been said) and tosses the ball to them.
5. Play continues on until the person who started tossing the ball has their name called and the ball ends up with them.
6. Everyone needs to remember who they tossed the ball to as the team will repeatedly toss the ball in the same pattern. They might see how many names can be said and the ball tossed without dropping it or see how quickly they can get through their sequence.

What Ifs:

If the teams have multiple items to toss, the person who starts the ball will repeat the pattern – calling the same name they did before – with each item in their pile or collection.

Note that the name of the person you call cannot be standing on either side of you – their needs to be a person between you and the person you are tossing to.