

Lent 2
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Full Script



# Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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Sun. 9:30am Worship

Welcome to Cross of Glory's online worship! God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament, and we recognize that this can happen via technology as well as in a physical building. Thank the Lord for blessing us with the means to continue worshiping together in this way! As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power fill you.

Please take the time to note some things about how worship will work online:

Attendance – We would still like to gather an accurate account of who is worshiping with us for each service. Please let us know you are worshiping by commenting in the chat box. List your full name (first and last) in your message.

Chatting and discussing – Before and after each service, there is time available to chat with others. We invite you to do so, as this is a way we can preserve the sense of community we have on a normal Sunday morning. We do ask that you keep chatting to a minimum during the service, so that others can focus on what's happening.

Giving – Please continue to give your attention to the gifts God asks you to give to support his work. During the time of the offering, an encouragement will be given to give electronically. You can do so by clicking the menu icon (3 horizontal bars) in the upper left corner, next to where it says Cross of Glory Lutheran Church. Then click the word "Giving" to go to our Vanco page. You can also give by scanning the QR code in the bulletin with your phone's camera, or by mailing a check to us at 10111 W Jomax Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383. Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time!



God bless our time together in worship today!



To the world the real meaning of Lent– God's plan of salvation—makes no sense at all. Only the Christian gets it, and that as a result of the miracle of faith worked by the proclamation of the gospel. And this is that miracle: Christ the holy one, Christ the innocent, suffered for man the sinner, for man the guilty. The suffering was real. So too was its result: Christ suffering for sinners and in their place makes them innocent in God's sight.

Because we would never get the point otherwise, we suffer, too. Our suffering, whether from the purifying and purging hand of God or from his permission granted to the devil to scourge us as he scourged Job and Paul, helps us to despair of ourselves and our own strength and to live by faith in his suffering for us sinners. Reconciled we now cling to him confidently in suffering as we await the final manifestation of the glory of his resurrection. Therefore we embrace the suffering Savior and do not run away from our own suffering; both are gifts of grace for sinners who have become saints by virtue of Christ's suffering and through faith in his merit. What an amazing blessing we celebrate in this season of Lent!

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### Service of Celebration and Reverence

## OPENING HYMN

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken | CW465 4 Vs.

Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow you.

Destitute, despised, forsaken, You on earth once suffered, too.

Perish ev'ry fond ambition, All I've ever hoped or known;

Yet how rich is my condition! God and heav'n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me; They have left my Savior, too.

Human hearts and looks deceive me; You are not, like them, untrue.

And since you have smiled upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,

Foes may hate and friends may shun me -- Show your face, and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure! Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!

In your service pain is pleasure; With your favor loss is gain.

I have called you Abba, Father! You my all in all shall be.

Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; All must work for good to me.

Haste, my soul, from grace to glory, Armed by faith and winged by prayer.

All but heav'n is transitory; God's own hand shall guide you there.

Soon shall end this earthly story; Swift shall pass the pilgrim days,

Hope soon change to heav'nly glory, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

### WE APPROACH GOD

(Spoken Responsively; Sung songs of response—"Triune God" and "Melodic Gloria)

- M: O Creator, to you darkness is light, and a thousand years is as a day. Before we speak, you know our thoughts.
- C: There is no place we can flee from your sight.
- M: O most holy Lord, our relationship with you requires a personal integrity we do not have. We are cut to the heart to realize that you judge every thought, word and action.
- C: We have been arrogant to challenge your laws. We have been foolish to excuse our lust for more as a basic human need. We have blamed our unhappiness on others. Our self-centeredness is the worst affliction on earth and we no longer deny it.
- M: O God of wisdom, we have wandered from your ways. We do not deserve leniency. The only thing we possess is our guilt.
- C: O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we can speak your name only because you are the God of grace. Jesus came to be the sacrificial Lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. Because you have gathered all the lost, we plead: "Be our Shepherd."

(Sung by Congregation)

Triune God your love has found me; you have brought me to this place.

And you promised you will lead me, safely home by your good grace.

Jesus sought me, a lost wanderer, cut off from the fold of God;

He to rescue me from danger, Bought me with his precious blood.

To your grace now I'm a debtor; daily I'm in need of you!

Let your mercy like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to you.

Prone to wander, such a sheep I am; prone to leave your shepherd's love.

So I pray: "Please make me your lamb; heal me for the life above!"

M: The Triune God knows our needs. He remembers that we are dust. He gloried in doing for us what we do not deserve. Before we existed, the Father sent his one and only Son to trade places with a world of sinners. In the fullness of time, Jesus packaged his honor in humility and was born into our world. By His flawless life and innocent death, he ransomed the world from sin, Satan and damnation. The Holy Spirit raised him back to life to guarantee that we who trust these truths are God's children and heirs of heaven. Amen.

(Sung by Congregation)

Glory to the God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God, the Father.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

### CATECHISM REVIEW The Ministry of the Keys

(Spoken Responsively)

M: First: What is the use of the Keys?

- C: The use of the Keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth, to forgive the sins of penitent sinners but to refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent.
- M: Where is this written?
- C: The holy Evangelist John writes in chapter 20, "Jesus breathed on his disciples and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."
- M: Second: How does a Christian congregation use the Keys?
- C: A Christian congregation with its called servant of Christ uses the Keys in accordance with Christ's command by forgiving those who repent of their sin and are

willing to amend, and by excluding from the congregation those who are plainly impenitent that they may repent. I believe that, when this is done, it is as valid and certain in heaven also, as if Christ, our dear Lord, dealt with us himself.

M: Where is this written?

C: Jesus says in Matthew, chapter 18, "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Job 1:13-22

One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, <sup>14</sup> a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, 15 and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" <sup>16</sup> While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" <sup>17</sup> While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" <sup>18</sup> While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, 19 when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" <sup>20</sup> At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship 21 and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised." <sup>22</sup> In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

PSALM 22 (Spoken Responsively)

M: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

C: Why are you so far from saving me?

M: I am a worm and not a man,

C: Scorned by men and despised by the people.

M: All who see me mock me;

C: They hurl insults, shaking their heads;

M: "He trusts in the LORD; let the Lord rescue him.

C: Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

M: My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;

C: You lay me in the dust of death.

M: A band of evil men has encircled me,

C: They have pierced my hands and my feet.

M: They divide my garments among them

C: And cast lots for my clothing.

M: But you, O LORD, be not far off;

C: O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

#### THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

(All children are invited to sit in front with Pastor)

VERSE OF THE DAY (Spoken by Minister)

M: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. (*Philippians 2:8b*)

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:31-38

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." <sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

SERMON HYMN

Amazing Grace (CW379) 4 Vs.

Congregation sings Vs. 1,2 & 4 and Ensemble sings Vs. 3

Amazing grace -- how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

### SERMON The Blessings of Lent are Amazing!

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken in Unison)

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SONG OF THE SEASON

His Robes for Mine  $\mid 4 Vs$ .

Ensemble sings Vs. 1 & 2; Congregation joins for Vs. 3 & 4

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange! Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage. Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified. In Christ I live, for in my place He died.

#### Refrain:

I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost: Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God. Bought by such love, my life is not my own. My praise-my all-shall be for Christ alone.

His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread? God's daunting Law Christ mastered in my stead. Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine, Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life. [Refrain]

His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.

Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.

Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried "Tis done!"

Sin's wage is paid; propitiation won. [Refrain]

His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though His foe.
He, as though I, accursed and left alone;
I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home! [Refrain]

### THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER (Prayed by Minister)

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C: Amen.

BLESSING (Spoken by Minister)

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

#### C: Amen.

Congregation sings Vs. 1 & 3, Ensemble sings Vs. 2

I run to Christ when chased by fear And find a refuge sure.

"Believe in me," His voice I hear; His words and wounds secure.

I run to Christ when torn by grief And find abundant peace.

"I too had tears," He gently speaks; Thus joy and sorrow meet.

I run to Christ when worn by life And find my soul refreshed.

"Come unto Me," He calls through strife; Fatigue gives way to rest.

I run to Christ when vexed by hell And find a mighty arm.

"The Devil flees," the Scriptures tell; He roars, but cannot harm.

I run to Christ when stalked by sin And find a sure escape.

"Deliver me," I cry to Him; Temptation yields to grace.

I run to Christ when plagued by shame And find my one defense.

"I bore God's wrath," He pleads my case—My Advocate and Friend.

## Position Available

Our finance manager position is available, and we are receiving applications in the office. The deadline for applications is March 1. If you're interested in the position, you can see the full job description in the weekly news. Applications can be picked up at the church office.

This position requires proficiency in MS Office and accounting software such as QuickBooks. The responsibilities include church/school accounting and billing; providing monthly reports for the treasurer, pastors and principal; and ability to learn new programs such as TADS and Realm. This person will be working directly with the treasurer to make sure all financial activity is organized and searchable.

## Church Cleaners

Cross of glory is in need of a few more church cleaners for the rotation. If you are able to help please contact Liz to add you to the rotation. If we have enough people the rotation is once every two months.

Jomax	March	March	March
Worship Volunteers	7th	14th	21st
Counters	Wempner/	Wempner/	Wempner/
	Sasse	Brooks	Voight
Cleaners	Martins/	J. Kelley/	Plitzuweit/
	Ehlers	Grams	Peterson
Communion Setup	Lynn Wempner/ Shannon Gullerud	-	Susie Cornell
Ushers	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers John Wempner Aaron Gullerud	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson

## Aguilar Moving Day

The Aguilar family will be closing on their house on March 4th and are Planning to move in on March 6th. We are looking for a group of helping hands to help unload the moving truck. If you are able to help please let us know by signing up or letting the pastors know.

## Midweek Lent Worship

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17. The theme for this year is *The Hands of the Passion*. When we consider Jesus and the people around him in his Passion, we can't help but think of their hands-the hands that beat their breast, accepted money for betrayal, petulantly swung swords, pointed in accusation, beat and disavowed, praised, washed, were pierced, and offered eternal life. In short, we can't help but think about how we sinners have had the same sinful hands of those who surrounded Jesus in his Passion, and how Jesus our Savior has touched us with his hands of grace.

During Lent we will have services each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. As we've done in the past, the pastors in our circuit will be rotating among our churches, giving us the opportunity to hear others preach and get to know them a little bit.

We will be offering in-person worship as well as the opportunity to watch online. There are a number of ways to watch online:

- 1. 1. 1 Those who have Facebook will be able to watch the services live at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Go to the Cross of Glory Vistancia Facebook page.
- 2. We will also make a recording of the service and put it up on YouTube and the Cross of Glory website. However, that recording won't be available until the Thursday after the actual service, due to time required to upload it. Once it is uploaded, it can be watched at any time on our <u>YouTube channel</u> or <u>website</u>.
- 3. For those who watch on our <u>church online platform</u>, the midweek services will be scheduled to play on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. Watching this way allows you to worship and chat with others at the scheduled time.

Whatever method you choose, please let us know that you're worshiping with us by leaving a comment or sending us an email. This helps us keep track of attendance. **Also, please note that there will be no soup suppers this year.** 

Thank you, and may God bless your Lenten meditations as we focus on the suffering and death of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

### Vistancia News

Great news to share! Early December we applied for some grant money to help families in need in our mission field. Our request was granted, and our new approach to meeting and helping people will be kicked off February 27. We are partnering with Christian Family Solutions, a WELS counseling service, to educate and assist members of our community that are struggling with the stresses associated with our new state of living right now.

We are worshiping at my home in Vistancia in person and via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. The address is: 12786 W Burnside Trl, Peoria, AZ 85383.

To God be praise and glory! Pastor John Ehlers

### THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

March 1st 6:30 p.m. Grams Growth Group
March 1st 6:30 p.m. Pastor Foxen Growth Group

March 2nd 6:00 p.m. Evangelism Meeting March 2nd 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting March 3rd 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

March 3rd 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service Facebook Live

March 4th 10:00 a.m. Mom's Growth Group March 4th 4:00 p.m. Catechism Study Hall

March 4th 5:00 p.m. Catechism

March 4th 6:30 p.m.

March 6th 6:00 p.m.

March 6th 6:00 p.m.

Worship Service (Jomax)

Worship Service Facebook Live

March 7th 9:00 a.m. Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)

March 7th 9:00 a.m. Worship Service Online

March 7th 9:30 a.m. Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia)

March 7th 10:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study

### LOOKING AHEAD

March 8th-12th Spirit Week

March 8th 6:30 p.m.

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March 8th 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Foxen Growth Group

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March 9th 6:00 p.m. Church Council March 10th 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

March 10th 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service Facebook Live

March 11th 10:00 a.m. Mom's Growth Group March 11th 4:00 p.m. Catechism Study Hall

March 11th 5:00 p.m. Catechism

March 11th 6:30 p.m.

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End of 3rd Quarter

Worship Service (Jomax)

March 13th 6:00 p.m. Worship Service Facebook Live March 13th 7:00 p.m. Music Practice for Holy Week/ Easter

March 14th 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service (Jomax only)

March 14th 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service Online

March 14th 10:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study

## Books For Sale

The women's Bible study group completed the study of "In God's Orchard: Cultivating the Fruit of a Spirit-Filled Life." If you are interested in doing the study on your own or would like to give the book as a gift, you may contact Liz in the church office to purchase one for \$12.

# PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

For members and friends with noteworthy blessings, difficulties or health issues. Today we especially remember in our prayers and ask God to give strength, comfort and courage to them and their families.

Anna Burke, Grandmother of Delia Akao as she battles advanced Liver cirrhosis. Bring comfort and strength to her and her daughter caring for her.

**Karen Juardo**, as she recovers at home after her recent hospitalization.

Michelle Zane, as she undergoes knee replacement revision on February 23rd.

Judy Sasse, as she recovers from a broken wrist and stitches on her face from a fall.

Marilyn Bagwell, sister of Sharon Kull, was recently diagnosed with cancer. May the Holy Spirit continue working in her heart and protect and care for her and perhaps cure her if that is his will.

**Juanita Word**, who is recovering at home after a fall.

Gerry Ehlers, the brother of Pastor Ehlers, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and undergoes treatments.

#### **MILITARY**

**E4 Specialist Alice Henderson**, granddaughter of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at San Antonio, TX Ft. Sam Houston Army base in Medical Institute of Surgery Research: Burn Unit.

**E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious**, grandson-tobe of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

Major JD Larson,

son of John & Chi Larson, based at Kirkland AFB in New Mexico.

Sara (Dan) McArdle,

daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Sgt. Blake Andrew Nelsen**, son of Rick & Karyn Nelsen and brother of Seri & Lilli, USMC.

**Ben Weyer**, serving in the military, Currently deployed to the Persian Gulf. Please pray that our Heavenly Father keeps him safe in his journey.



**Cross of Glory** was planted by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) in March 1998 so that with the Gospel of Jesus she can strengthen the faith of her members and reach out into the community with the free gift of salvation. First worship services began at Easter 1999; the dedication of our Ministry Center at Easter, 2005. On Easter of 2017, we began services at our second site in the Vistancia community. Our synod's name reflects that her founders began in the state of Wisconsin. As a WELS church we still hold to the teachings of the Bible restored in the Reformation era. We are...

- a Christ-preaching church. We preach that Jesus is true God, the Son of God who became man, so that through his perfect life and innocent death, He is the prophesied "Lamb of God" who has taken away the sin of the world.
- a Bible-believing church. We teach that the Bible is the verbally inspired, inerrant Word of God, the only authority for Christian faith and life. We aim to teach God's Word in all its truth and simplicity.
- an evangelical church. We trust the Bible's claim that God saves people through the power of the Gospel in the Word and Sacraments. The Gospel is the Good News (the Evangel) about Jesus' saving work. The WELS has congregations throughout the USA and around the world to share the Evangel, the Bible's primary message, with all people.
- a people-caring church. That we're all sinners equally saved by Jesus' substitutionary work strips away human judgments and egos. This truth also empowers us to live Jesus' love for all people by offering friendship, support, and Biblical counseling. Our church family cares about other people-- including you.

Our Preschool & Elementary School exists to help parents in their God-given duty of teaching the Faith to their children: an important aspect of our Church's plan to grow a comprehensive womb-to tomb ministry that serves souls for eternity.