## SSJ Family Lenten Challenge

On our Pilgrimage home to the Kingdom of God, we have the sure and certain hope that Jesus Christ in the Paschal Mystery will help us overcome the difficulties, disappointments, sufferings, and evil that we encounter on our journey. During this Lent, let us bring our families on a special Lenten Journey closer to Jesus.

To prepare for Lent - come to a
Holy hour or a holy half-hour
during continuous Adoration
from **February 28-March 8.**Sign up at QR code below for any
hour that fits your schedule!

Family Friendly Holy Half-Hour
4:00-4:30, 4:30- 5pm daily
families with children can come to
Jesus just as they are — whether
they lay on the floor, move around,
or even cry will be offered



Family Intentions - pray during Lent for Healing and Guidance on an issue your family is facing. Have each family member write an intention praying for that difficulty every day

Daily Scripture - read a daily
Scripture passage from the
Gospel of Matthew that is listed
on the Jesus Tree to enable
your family to
walk with Jesus
this Lent





## **ENTRUSTING OUR FAMILY TO JESUS**

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Reader: I sought the LORD, and he answered me, delivered me from all my fears. (Psalm 34:5)

All: Jesus, we trust in you.

Reader: Look to him and be radiant, and your faces may not blush for shame. (Psalm 34:6)

All: Jesus, we trust in you.

Reader: This poor one cried out and the Lord heard, and from all his distress he saved him. (Psalm 34:7)

All: Jesus, we trust in you.

Reader: Taste and see that the Lord is good. (Psalm 34:9)

All: Jesus, we trust in you.

Read the day's daily reading from the Jesus tree listed on the other side of this page

**Leader:** Let us take a moment to entrust each of our family member's intention to Jesus that He might bring about healing and peace within our family.

Each member now offers his/her intentions to Jesus aloud

**Leader:** Holy God, please guide us and help us to resolve any conflicts and struggles within our family. May we always strive to be a source of love, encouragement, and inspiration to one another. May we be grateful for the many ways in which family enriches our lives. Thank You for we confidently know that we can place our trust in You to maintain peace and love in our family.

All: In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## The Jesus Tree Family Lenten At-Home Devotion

Journeying with Jesus through the Gospel of Matthew

Directions: At the appointed time during the prayer service on the other side of this page, you will read the day's passage listed below. After reading the passage, color in the day's "plank" to slowly color in the cross during Lent. You can use a brown marker or colored pencil. Follow the arrows to continue the correct flow of daily readings.

Note - On Sundays, there is no specific reading so you can instead reflect on that Sunday's Gospel reading.

28:1-10 Resurrected

27:57-61 Placed in the Tomb

27:45-56 Died on the Cross

27:33-44 Crucified

27:27-31 Mocked

**27:1-2.11-26** Before Pilate

26:69-75 Peter's Denial

**Palm Sunday** 

26:57-68 Before Sanhedrin

**26:47-56** Arrested

26:36-46 Agony in the Garden

26:26-30 Last Supper

17:1-8 Transfiguration

**18:10-14** Lost Sheep

16:21-23 First Prophecy (

20:1-16 Vineyard Workers

**3rd Sunday of Lent** 

20:29-34 Heals Blind Man

13:1-9 Parable of Sower

12:9-14 Withered Hand

10:1-15 Sending Disciples

9:18-26 Healings

9:9-13 Call of Matthew

2nd Sunday of Lent

9:1-8 Paralytic Healed

8:23-27 Calming of Storm

8:5-13 Centurion Servant

**6:25-34** Depend on God

**6:5-15** Teaching on Prayer

4:1-11 Temptation

3:1-12 John Prepares

End here on Easter Sunday

**26:6-13** Judas' Betrayal

26:6-13 Anointed in Bethany

22:34-40 Greatest Command 21:12-17 Cleanses Temple

21:1-11 Enters Jerusalem

5th Sunday of Lent

5:1-12 Sermon on Mount **1st Sunday of Lent** 4:12-22 First Disciples

**3:13-17** Baptism Start here on Ash Wednesday

4th Sunday of Lent

16:13-20 Peter's Confession

15:21-28 Canaanite woman

14:22-33 Walking on Water

**14:13-21** Feeding of 5,000

19:13-15 Blesses Children