



Lent 2021

Dear parents,

Your Lenten kit includes: 1) a Holy Family Candle; 2) Daily Tear-off Trivia Cards, "What do I Wonder about this Lent?" and 3) an empty bag to decorate and use for your Lenten offering. Also, included is a family activity booklet and a youth/young adult activity book for more Lenten ideas.

Instructions for use of the items are below:

1) Place the Holy Family Candle in your home in a place where the family comes together.

Share something you would each like to pray for and conclude by praying the prayer below:

Holy Family Prayer

Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

Joseph, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

Oración de Santa Familia

Jesús, hijo de Dios e hijo de María, bendice a nuestra familia. Bondadosamente inspira en nosotros la unión, paz y el amor mutuo que hemos encontrado en tu propia familia en el pequeño pueblo de Nazaret.

María, madre de Jesús y nuestra madre. Alimenta a nuestra familia con tú fe y tú amor. Ampáranos cerca de tu hijo Jesús, en todas nuestras penas y alegrías.

José, tutor de Jesús, guardián y esposo de María, Protege a nuestra familia segura de todo daño. Ayúdanos en todos los tiempos de desaliento y ansiedad.

Sagrada Familia de Nazaret, has de nuestra familia una sola contigo. Ayúdanos a ser instrumentos de paz. Concédenos ese amor, fortalecido por la gracia, resultando más poderoso que toda la debilidad y pruebas por las cuales nuestras familias a veces pasan.

Haz que siempre tengamos a Dios al centro de nuestros corazones y hogares hasta que todos seamos una gran familia, feliz y en paz en nuestro verdadero hogar contigo. Amén

2) “What do I Wonder about this Lent?” Daily Tear-Off Trivia Cards

Journey through Lent by using the 25 tear-off cards with 5 questions on each card. There are enough questions to allow you the flexibility to answer a couple questions a day or 5 questions a few days a week.

3) An empty coin sack. Decorate the bag, drawing or illustrating one or more of the Works of Mercy. Included in the kit are illustrations of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy to provide ideas for you to draw on your family bag. Remember to write on your bag: **For Kottapuram, India.** Collect coins or dollars each day during Lent. St. Francis is sponsoring the collection for the people of Kottapuram, India. Bags, full of your charitable donations, would be returned to church on Palm Sunday.

The two booklets in your kit have more activities, scripture, reflections, and ideas for Lent. For Lenten services, events, and activities, please see the website at: <https://www.stfrancisa2.com/>

God bless you with a holy Lenten season,
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