

Discipleship News

Dear Parents:

Do you act as if God exists? Do you teach your children to act as if God exists? It's one thing to recite the Nicene Creed or the Our Father during Sunday Mass; however it's more important to act as if what you said and reflected upon on Sunday becomes what you live out between Monday and Saturday! Otherwise what's the purpose in attending Mass? If it's solely because of obligation or duty or maybe you think it's a magic trick that automatically makes you better then you've missed the main point.

The attitude a person of faith needs to possess in order to grow closer to God can be reduced to some very basic principles:

- It's a relationship with God and we need to work at it! We need to nourish it!
 - Your children need to see you living it out daily!
- Faith reminds us that we need to be humble, uncomplicated, repentant and forgiving!
- The key teachings of the New Testament make abundant sense – morally, socially, psychologically and spiritually!
- We all fail, sin and make mistakes daily. The God of Christianity, our Conscience and Common Sense remind us to get back up and try again after falling!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dfvVu7_vy0

Jordan Peterson - a short video: Do you act as if God exists?

Ladies and Gentlemen faith is a gift – that never stops giving! When you receive a gift you need to unwrap it, use it and share with those you love and even with those you don't. I encourage all of you to keep working on your relationship with God. Continue to act as if God exists and both you and your children will be forever grateful!

Have a great weekend!

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Some Previous Newsletter Video Links

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/alicegwalton/2018/09/17/raising-kids-with-religion-or-spirituality-may-protect-their-mental-health-study/>

Here's the link to the article done about the research work by Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28i3lWxW5xs>

Dr. Jordan Peterson on why we need to believe in God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-MebOn3mEk> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vLggsDiJBI>
<https://hanm.org/>

Justin Fatica - here are some short sample video links and his ministry's website:

Literary Styles in the Bible

Episode 3 shows how reading the Bible wisely requires that we learn about the ancient literary styles used by the biblical authors. These writers expressed their ideas and claims through a variety of different type of literature, and this video will explore why it's important to tell them apart so we can hear their message on their terms

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/what-is-bible/>

A new and short animated explanation of the Bible for your children

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HugMM_3FfnI

The Holy Triduum explained simply

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ry46FSxUPI>

Jordan Peterson and true friendship (short 5 minute video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7og8ygvoDZA>

Short video: Models of Freedom and Joy: Why be a Religious Sister in today's world?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBhd_bx8V9g&t=330s

Fr Mike Schmitz- just don't think about it – do something! Just 1% everyday! Making New Year's Resolutions stick!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oe9xxUQwnZQ>

Short video on Why we need the Church

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>

Click on the above link and sign up with your email address and name – it's that simple!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqt8QmueKBQ>

Fr Mike Schmitz short video on keeping balance in your life

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJsokZ6Y2x8>

Saints and Halloween – what is it?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mad1Jgf0jow>

Fr. Mike Schmitz great short video on the “Communion of Saints”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_1oboaQmQA

Karoke by some Priests on their way to a large youth rally!