

# Faith Formation Dec 30-31, 2017

## JUSTICE CHALLENGE – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

One of the most beautiful messages of Christmas is that of peace. The prophets of the Old Testament put their hope in a Messiah who would bring peace to a war-torn world. And that is what Jesus did. In the Incarnation, we experience God's desire for all human persons, for all families and communities, and for all of creation (even lions and lambs) to live in harmony with each other. The angels proclaimed "peace on earth, goodwill to all" at Jesus' birth. Your challenge during this Christmas Season is to be people of peace in your actions, words and thoughts. Can you make it through the week without starting any fights or arguing with your family or co-workers? Can you share quiet moments of conversation instead of frantically running here and there? Can you rest peacefully in God's arms in your prayer time? What are ways you can be peace-makers instead of peace-breakers in your relationships during this special time of year?

**Are you a *Confused* Catholic?  
Are you an *Inactive* Catholic?  
Are you an *Alienated* Catholic?**

Come Home! (We've missed you!) If you've been away from the Church or are drifting away from it, if you've been hurt by the Church, or are confused or angry because of your Catholic experience, please consider our invitation to come and talk with us. Join us in ***Catholics Coming Home***, a process of conversation, hospitality, and healing. The **5 week series begins on Wednesday, February 21st, 7 PM – 8:30 PM at St. Rita Church in the Religious Education Center.** For more information or to sign up, please contact Barbara Stanton, Faith Formation Director, 502-252-3403 x. 104 or [b.stanton@gwestoffice.net](mailto:b.stanton@gwestoffice.net).

**You can come home again!**

*When the song of the angels is stilled,*

*When the star in the sky is gone,*

*When the kings and the princes are home,*

*When the shepherds are back with their flocks,*

*The work of Christmas begins:*

*To find the lost,*

*To heal the broken,*

*To feed the hungry,*

*To release the prisoner,*

*To rebuild the nations,*

*To bring peace among people,*

*To make music in the heart.*

Howard Thurman



## JANUARY FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Jan. 7	11:30 am	Catechist Planning
Jan. 9	7:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist Parent Meeting
Jan. 14	1:30 am	Called to Protect Training (Children and Adults)
Jan. 21	11:30 am	GIFTS – "Jesus as Immigrant, Refugee – Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration" Presenter ~ Bishop Peter Smith
Jan. 28	10:00 am	Mass Blessing of Children Preparing for 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist
	11:30 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist Preparation #1
	11:30 am	Youth Ministry
	All Masses	Collection for Souper Bowl of Caring