

Dear Families:

Today in Sunday School, we talked about the Gospel of Mark. Jesus was telling His disciples about His coming death and resurrection. Peter told Jesus that He shouldn't talk like that. Jesus immediately rebukes Peter, saying that if anyone was going to follow Jesus, they need to deny themselves and their own wishes. They should take up a cross and follow what God wants to do.

This is not easy, especially in today's world. Lent is the perfect time to try our best to follow what God is telling us. Our Sunday School is focusing on a different spiritual discipline during each week of Lent. This week we are focusing on prayer. Praying is a great way to develop our relationship with God. This week, try to make an effort to pray more than usual. Talk to God. Ask Him to help you do His work and His will. Ask for His guidance and protection. Ask for strength, courage, and mercy. The more we pray, the more good we can do!

The youth had their candle-making day last week during Winter Break. They made 40 candles to sell, with all proceeds going towards the support of Literacy of Love. The candles are being displayed in Fellowship Hall. They are \$5 each. The kids did a great job! Please consider purchasing a candle to support their ministry.

Thank you for joining us today!

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