

24th Sunday Homily 9-16-18

Who do you say that I am?

Key question of our faith life.

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Not “Who do others say that I am, but who do YOU say that I am?”

23% of the American population are Nones; adults who do not believe in God; atheists or agnostics

Some of them are our adult children and our grandchildren, our nieces and our nephews.

Key question: how can I make every effort to make sure faith in Jesus Christ is core to me and my family.

We turn to members of our community to witness to us how they are attempting to hand on faith in Jesus Christ to their family... from one generation to another. (invite speakers)

4:00 Tim Chapman and Nia;

9:00 Carmen and Ravin; 11:00 Chukuma and Obi Ezeanya

Witness of families passing on faith from one generation to another.

- 1. What do I want for my children?**
- 2. What have I and my children got from Faith Formation so far at Corpus Christi?**
- 3. Testimony from the family on what they liked most or what has helped them in their faith life with Jesus and why they enjoy coming.**

You want a lot for your children. What do you have to do to accomplish it?

Excel in math and science: STEP program; special Saturday classes

Dance or sports (like soccer): time and dedication

Growth in our faith in Jesus takes the same commitment.

Some suggestions here at Corpus Christi

- 1. Young ones in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (3-5 year olds during the 11:00 mass; more of a commitment afterwards)**
- 2. As a family, start with Generations of Faith; five times a year**
- 3. Wonderful confirmation program and involvement of youth**

Sheet with list of WONDERFUL opportunities in the bulletin. No other parish has the variety and excellence of programs which we do.

God is infrequently mentioned in schools these days.

God is infrequently mentioned in our workplaces these days.

God is hardly ever heard in politics or civic life these days.

It is primarily in our homes and in our faith communities that God is celebrate and announced.

- **And if you want your family to grow in faith,**
- **If you want to ensure your children do not end up in the NONE category in their faith,**
- **If you want to know the blessings of being close to the Lord, then find ways for you and your family to grow in faith.**

Sheet to indicate your interest in the program.

Drop it off in the basket at the baptismal font

Joshua 24:15 But if it is unpleasing in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.