

**St. Patrick Parish
Lawrence, MA
Religious Education Program 2020-2021**

The Ten Commandments

Three key ideas for you and your children to remember this week:

1. The Ten Commandments are a gift from God to the people of Israel and to all human beings to live good lives as we enter in relationship with God and with others.
2. The first 3 Commandments refer directly to our relationship with God. They provide the context for the others. We do everything because we love God above everything. The other 7 commandments refer directly to our relationship with our sisters and brothers.
3. These are the Ten Commandments. Read them several times and memorize them with your children this week:
 1. I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.
 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
 4. Honor your father and your mother.
 5. You shall not kill.
 6. You shall not commit adultery.
 7. You shall not steal.
 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods

For parents, guardians and other adults: If you want to learn more about the commandments, see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Ns. 2052 to 2084. Available online at https://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p3s2.htm