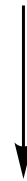


Dear Grade 2 Student,

As part of your preparation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, we ask you to complete a Weekly Reflection Question that you will submit after the weekend Mass you attend. Reflections will begin on the weekend of December 2/3. The last Reflection will be submitted on the weekend of March 9/10.

When you enter or leave the Church each week, there will be a box where you can submit your Reflections.

Please be sure to pay close attention to the date on the top of each sheet and ensure that you include your first and last name on each entry.



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Please note - responses do not always or only have to be written words. Students are encouraged to express themselves using drawing, art or other communication as appropriate.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Sacramental Preparation Team.

Weekly Reflection

QUESTION

Submit to the box at the back of the Church each weekend after mass!

Waiting for Jesus

This week we begin the season of Advent. Advent is an important time in the church calendar that comes before Christmas. At mass each week, we will light candles as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

What are some ways that you can prepare your heart to receive Jesus at Christmas. Can you do something kind for a family member or a friend? Can you say extra prayers? Can you use words that show love? In the space below, write or draw some examples of what you will try to do to prepare your heart for Jesus during Lent.

Full Name: _____

Weekend of December 9/10, 2023

Weekly Reflection

QUESTION

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Sharing The Story of Your Baptism

You became a special part of God's family at your Baptism. This week, talk with your family about your Baptism. Take a look through old photographs and listen to stories about your Baptism Day. Talk about what church you were baptized at and who celebrated your Baptism.

You can share any special details below, or draw a picture of your Baptism Day.

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Weekend of December 16/17, 2023

Weekly Reflection

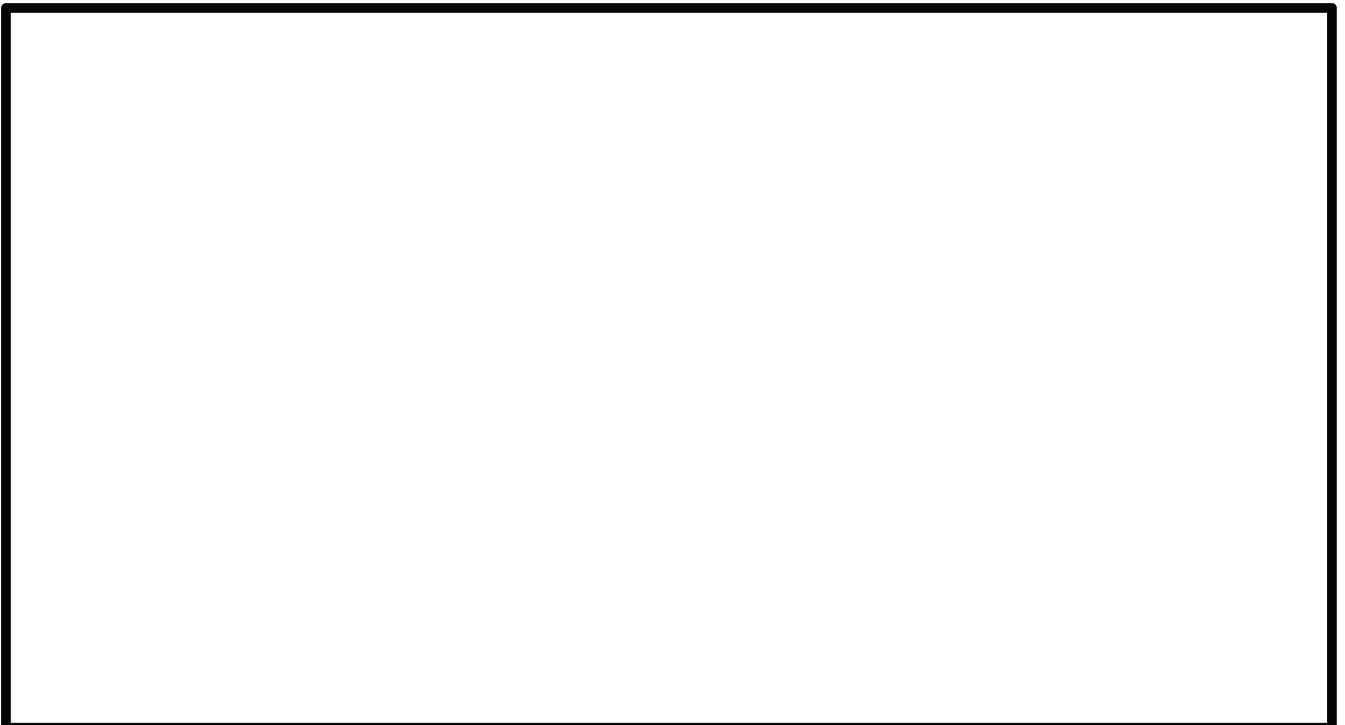
QUESTION

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God Gives Us Life!

Life is wonderful and it is a special gift from God. Did you know that God gives life to everything around us? Not just the people around us, but also the sun and the sky, the flowers, the animals, birds and fish. Everything we see is a gift from God!

God gives us a very special responsibility....God asks that we take care of all the life that fills our world. Write some ideas or draw some pictures that show how you can take care of all the beautiful life God created.



Full Name: _____

Weekend of December 23/24, 2023

Weekly Reflection

QUESTION

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Advent Wreath

This is the last weekend of Advent. All of the candles on the wreath are lit and we are ready to celebrate Jesus' birthday!

In the space below, draw an Advent wreath that has all 4 candles lit. A purple candle for HOPE, a purple candle for PEACE, a pink candle for JOY and a purple candle for LOVE.



Full Name: _____

Weekend of December 30/31, 2023

Weekly Reflection

QUESTION

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God Gives You Talents!

Did you know that you are created just as God wanted you to be? You are unique - there is no one in the whole world like you! God made you with your own smile, your own face, your own eyes, hair and body! God even gave you very special things that you do...they are called your talents. Your talents are things that you do well and things that you enjoy. You might have talents in sports or music, you might have special talents in the way you make people feel and how you help with your family. Every talent that you have is special and unique - just like you.

What are your talents? Write about, attach or draw a picture of you using your talents below.

Full Name: _____

Weekend of January 6/7, 2023

Weekly Reflection

QUESTION

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God Gives Us Love!

Do you know who the best teacher is when it comes to love? It's Jesus! Jesus tells us that we should love one another just like God loves us. What do you think it means to love other people? What are some ways that we can show love to our family? How can we show love to our friends? How can we show love to others?

In the space below, share some ideas about how you can share love with others. You can write about your ideas or draw pictures that show you sharing the love Jesus asks us to.



Full Name: _____

Weekend of January 13/14, 2024

Weekly Reflection


QUESTION

Submit to the box at the back of the Church each weekend after mass!

Prayer

Prayer is a way for us to talk to God. We can pray in the morning when we get up, thanking God for a new day. We can pray before we eat, thanking God for our food. We can pray when we are worried or scared about something. We can pray at night to thank God for anything special that happened during the day. We can even pray asking God to protect our loved ones and people who are special to us.

Do you have a special time of each day when you pray? Or a special place? Do you have any special words you say to God when you are praying? Use the space below to draw a picture of you praying, or you can write out a prayer that is special to you.



Full Name: _____

Weekend of January 20/21, 2024

Weekly Reflection

QUESTION

Submit to the
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Attending Mass

Coming to Mass is something very important that we do as Catholics. Soon, you will be able to fully participate in Mass by receiving the Eucharist. Right now, it is important that you participate in mass by learning all of the prayers, listening to the readings, gospel and homily and by singing the hymns.

When you come to Mass, what parts do you enjoy the most? How does coming to Mass help you feel closer to God? Write about your ideas or draw a picture of you attending Mass with your family.

Full Name: _____

Weekend of January 27/28, 2024

Weekly Reflection

QUESTION

Submit to the box at the back of the Church each weekend after mass!

Virtues

Virtues are habits that help people do good things. People should try to make good choices every day to be the people God wants us to be.

Who is someone that you look up to? Who is someone that you think is special? Why do you think the person is special? What virtues or good qualities does the person have that you admire? Write about the person and draw a picture of them below.

Full Name: _____

Weekend of February 3/4, 2024

Weekly Reflection

QUESTION

Submit to the box at the back of the Church each weekend after mass!

Building Virtues

Virtues are habits that help us do good things. We always try to make good choices every day to be the people God wants us to be.

Think about all the good things that you did this week. Maybe you helped with a chore at home without being asked. Maybe you were kind to a friend who was feeling upset. Maybe you said something positive to someone who was having a bad day. Write or draw about one or more good things you did this week that are helping you build the virtues of love, kindness and respect.

Full Name: _____

Weekend of February 10/11, 2024

Weekly Reflection

QUESTION

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Preparing for Lent

Lent is the 40 days before Easter. During the Lenten season, we are called to do three things: Pray, Fast and Give. With your family, brainstorm some ways that you can pray more, fast from something or give to others. Share some of your ideas below. You can use words or draw pictures to show your ideas.

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Weekend of February 17/18, 2024

Weekly Reflection

QUESTION

Submit to the box at the back of the Church each weekend after mass!

Forgiving Others

There are many times in life where we have to forgive others, or others have to forgive us. Think of a time in your life when you had to say sorry to someone. How did it make you feel? Was it easy to ask for forgiveness?

Use the space below to write about the situation or draw a picture showing what happened.

Full Name: _____

Weekend of February 24/25, 2024

Weekly Reflection

QUESTION

Submit to the
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God Always Forgives You

This week, you will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we go to Reconciliation, we are asking God for forgiveness for any mistakes that we have made. It is not always easy to admit when we make a mistake or when we need forgiveness, but the good news is, when we go to God and ask for forgiveness, God always listens and always forgives.

In the space below, write the Act of Contrition you learned in your Sacrament Preparation Class. Draw a picture to go with the Act of Contrition.

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Weekend of March 2/3, 2024

Weekly Reflection

QUESTION

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Last week, you received the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Father George. What words would you use to describe how you felt before your Reconciliation? What words would you use to describe how you felt during your Reconciliation? What words would you use to describe how you felt after your Reconciliation?

In the space below you can write about your Reconciliation or draw pictures to show how you felt.

Full Name: _____

Weekend of March 9/10, 2024

Weekly Reflection

QUESTION

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Final Reflection

Soon you will be receiving your First Holy Communion. How are you feeling? Are you excited or nervous? Draw a picture of you receiving Jesus for the first time. Who will be there with you? Beside your picture, write a note to Jesus, thanking him for the gift of his body in Holy Communion.

