

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018

2nd Grade

- 4:00pm Welcome (Holy Spirit coloring page and *to ensure accuracy, class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese*)
- 4:05pm We Gather - in Prayer at the prayer table
(*use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season*)
Use the Gospel Reading “Hearing the Word” from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box
- 4:10pm Review previous lesson using one of the pages from the Activity Book.
- 4:15pm **Chapter #29 “Jesus Returns to The Father”**
Chapter #30 “The Coming of The Holy Spirit”

After the Resurrection on Easter, Jesus remained on earth for forty days teaching the Apostles all that was necessary for the salvation of man. The Apostles were jubilant at seeing Jesus after the Resurrection. Jesus spent His time with them building The Church

1. He explained the Scriptures and how He fulfilled them.
2. The Apostles begin writing the Bible (Scripture plus apostolic tradition) – to pass down through generations all that Jesus taught while on earth.
3. He showed that He really rose from the dead – by allowing people to touch Him and He ate food.
4. Taught the Apostles how to govern.
5. Told the Apostles to go out and teach the Good News.
6. Gave the Apostles the power to forgive sins.
7. Told the Apostles to baptize all people.
8. He said He would ascend to The Father but He would not abandon them.

Jesus promised He would be with them always and would send The Holy Spirit to fill them with strength and courage for His mission before He ascended into Heaven. Mary and The Apostles prayed for 9 days before the Holy Spirit descended on them in the upper room. **This event is called Pentecost.** The Holy Spirit brings us God’s life = grace. Sacraments are outward signs of God’s grace! The Holy Spirit makes us holy!

- *We Believe -*

Apostles = the twelve friends chosen by Jesus who went out to tell others about Jesus after the Ascension. They became the first bishops. He gave them the power to offer Mass and forgive sins.

Ascension = when Jesus was raised in the presence of His Mother, Mary and the disciples and returned to Heaven forty days after Easter.

Pentecost = the coming of The Holy Spirit to the Apostles fifty days after Easter. This day is called the birthday of The Church.

- *We Respond* – DVD – “The Angels Mass Lesson” 13 minutes

- *We Respond* – discuss the symbols of the Holy Spirit (*and in which Sacraments we see them*) and Sacraments chart (*all from lesson #13 & #14*).

Water – symbolizes the Holy Spirit’s works of giving life and cleansing Baptism.

Anointing – sets us apart and symbolizes Christ’s anointing by God’s spirit.

Fire – symbolizes the purifying power of the Holy Spirit.

Cloud and Light – symbolizes the mysteriousness and illumination of God.

Seal – symbolizes the permanence of the Holy Spirit’s anointing.

Hand and Finger – symbolize the laying on of hands, the written law, and divine providence.

Dove – symbolizes the Holy Spirit’s descent to earth.

- *We Respond* – discuss church etiquette and practice receiving Holy Communion using the “Prepare for Jesus and Receiving Jesus” (*attached*)

4:55pm Closing Prayer –

“When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.”

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

“When can I visit with Jesus?”

As Catholics we believe that the Church is the House of God, to which He invites all His children -- where they may give thanks, prayers and worship to their God and Creator. Like any house to which one is invited, there is always some sort of basic etiquette, and God's house is no different. Below are some basics to help you feel more at home, and to participate more fully in The Mass.

Mass Etiquette: 20 Things To Do And Not Do In Mass

1. **Fast before Mass.** It is Church law that one fasts for at least 1 hour before receiving Holy Communion. The only exceptions are medicine, water or unless someone is ill and needs to eat sooner.
2. **No Food and Drink in Church.** The only exceptions would be milk for infants, water for the priest or choir and those who are ill.
3. **Men take your hats off.** It is impolite to wear a hat into any church for a man.
4. **Don't chew gum in church.** It is just wrong to chew gum and then consume Our Lord.
5. **Cross yourself with Holy Water on entering and leaving the church.** This is a reminder of our Baptism, which made us members of Christ's Church.
6. **Dress modestly and appropriately.** Wear your Sunday best. As Catholics we believe that God comes down to meet us at every Mass. Why would we not dress up?
7. **Show up at least a few minutes early.** If you can't be on time, then sit in the back so you don't disturb others.
8. **Cell phones should never be used in Mass for calls or texting.** The ONLY exceptions are emergencies (big ones) and if you are using the phone for readings or prayers.
9. **Don't sit on the edge of the pew if you sit down before others.** Rather, sit in the middle so others don't have to climb over you.
10. **When we enter and leave Church, genuflect toward the Tabernacle.** Christ is present for our sake. By allowing our right knee to hit the floor, we acknowledge He is our Lord and God. A bow is sufficient. During Mass, if you pass in front of the altar or tabernacle, bow reverently.
11. **Sit quietly while in church.** Once you enter the sanctuary - it is not the time or place to visit with those around you. If you must talk do so as quietly and briefly as possible. Remember that your conversation might be disturbing someone who is in prayer, which is much more important. Sssshhhhhhhhh.
12. **Respect Boundaries others may have.** You might want to hold hands to pray, they may not. They might be sick and not want to shake during the sign of peace. These are all OK. Do not make any unnecessary judgment because they worship differently.

13. **Bow before receiving Holy Communion.** If it is God, then show your respect with a bow of the head. *When the Eucharistic minister presents the Host and says “The Body of Christ” or “The Blood of Christ” (for the Chalice), the proper response is a simple “Amen!” This indicates that you know and believe that what you are about to receive is Jesus Himself. Please make sure you have a firm hold on the Chalice (without grabbing it) from the Eucharistic minister. Please consume the Host immediately. If you do not, a Communion Minister may ask you to. This is to protect the Sacrament. Intinction (“dipping” the Host in the Precious Blood) is not allowed.*
14. **Do not receive from the chalice if you are sick.** This is an act of charity. *It is sufficient to receive under either Eucharistic species (the Body or Blood) to truly receive Communion. So if you “forgot” one species or the Precious Blood ran out – you received Communion.*
15. **Pray after Communion.** It is a good custom, to offer a prayer of thanksgiving after receiving Holy Communion. *“Dear God, Your love for me is kind and merciful. Send me your Spirit, so that I may choose to be more kind and merciful. Amen.”*
16. **Do not leave early.** We should stay to the end of the Mass and sing the recessional hymn.
17. **Please wait until the priest has exited** before making your pilgrimage to the parish coffee.
18. **Leave quietly.** We encourage you to visit with others, but once you are outside of the main sanctuary of the church so you won't disturb others who want to stay and pray.