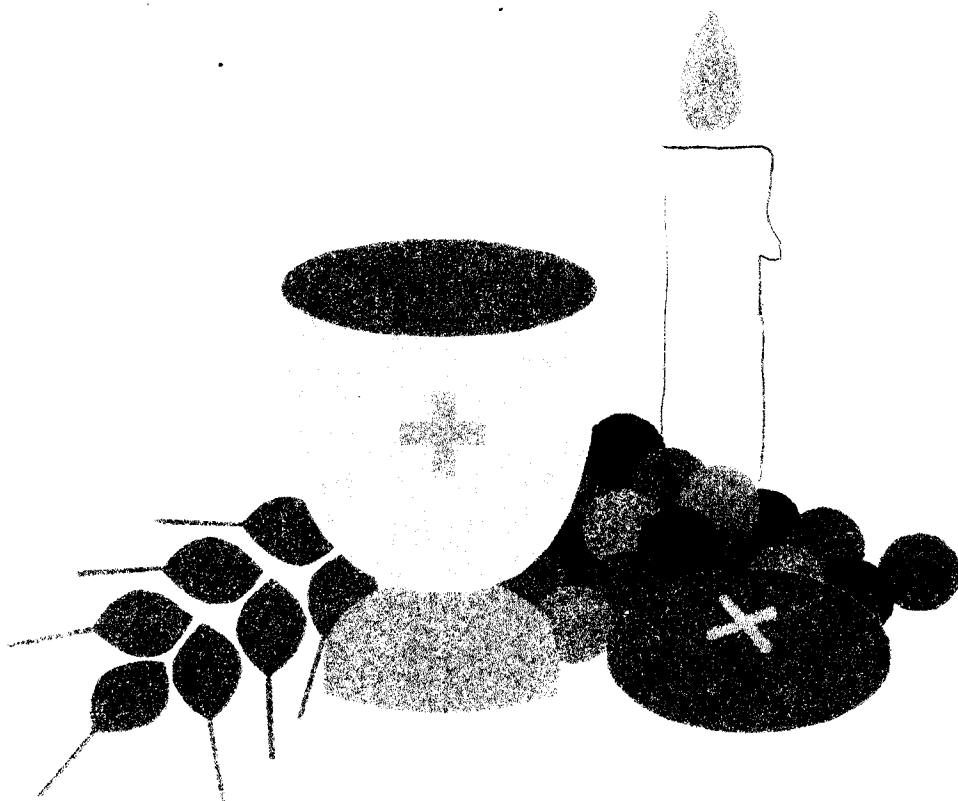


ST. GILBERT RELIGIOUS
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FIRST
COMMUNION

PARENT
BOOK



THE EUCHARIST

THE EUCHARIST IS ABOUT BELONGING AND CELEBRATING

PART I
PARENT PAGE

My name is

I belong to the _____ family.

I also belong to a bigger family. In the Sacrament of Baptism, I became a member of God's Family. I became a child of God. I belong to the Parish family of St. Gilbert Church.

Here are the names of some of the people in the Parish Family.

I AM HAPPY TO BE A MEMBER OF ST. GILBERT PARISH FAMILY.

BIBLE QUOTE: Based on Colossians 3: 12-15

God has chosen you as beloved children. Therefore love one another. Be always united. For you are called to become one people. Let the peace of Christ live in your hearts. Always be thankful.

These words from the Bible tell me of how we share God's love with others. As a family think of one way that we can share God's love with others...

My family loves to have celebrations on special days. On those days we invite special people to our home.

On my birthday I would like to invite _____

Draw a picture of a celebration I liked.

God gives us a special day every week to celebrate with the Parish Family.
It is called _____.

WORDS FROM THE BIBLE: based on Psalm 121:1

I rejoiced when I heard them say, "Let us go to God's house."

We come together as a family in a special house called the Church. Many men, women, and children gather there on Sunday to celebrate the Lord's Day.

They greet one another. The Priest says, "THE LORD BE WITH YOU!"
AND WE SAY, "_____"

They pray and sing to the Lord Jesus.

WORDS FROM THE BIBLE: based on Matthew 18:20

Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them.

Here I am with my family in God's house.

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PART III THE EUCHARIST: IT'S ABOUT CARING

Parent page

HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO CARE FOR PEOPLE.

Many people care for me at home, at school, and in my neighborhood. I care for people, too. Here are some things I do to show I care.

When someone feels sad, _____

When someone feels lonely, _____

When someone is sick, _____

When someone is left out, _____

Here is a picture of one person who needs love and care.

BIBLE STORY (Adapted from Luke 10: 29-37)

A man came up to Jesus and asked Jesus this question, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was attacked by robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest came along, but when he saw him, he passed by. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side of the road. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He cared for the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him. The next day he took two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, "Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back." Which of these three, in your opinion was a neighbor to the robber's victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

THE WORD OF THE LORD

What is Jesus trying to tell us through this story?

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

In God's family we pray for one another at the celebration of the Eucharist. We call this prayer the Prayer of the Faithful. Here is one way we can say this prayer.

For God's family all over the world, let us pray to the Lord...

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of God's family, let us pray to the Lord...

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of our country, let us pray to the Lord...

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our parents and teachers, let us pray to the Lord...

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have no work, no homes, or no food, let us pray to the Lord...

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

(Make up three of your own.)

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO OPEN THEIR HEARTS TO PEOPLE IN NEED. HELP ME TO BE A GOOD SAMARITAN.

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PART V THE EUCHARIST: IT'S ABOUT GIVING THANKS FOR NEW LIFE. Parent page

HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO SHARE THEIR LIFE AND LOVE.

Day after day, parents love their children. They spend their lives and time for them. This is what my parents do for me

I, too, can share my love and my life with others in many ways. Here are some of them.

BIBLE STORY: Based on John 20: 11-18

Early on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb where Jesus' body had been buried. She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance to the tomb.

Mary stood by the tomb when she saw two angels sitting in the place where Jesus' body had been. The angels asked Mary, "Why are you crying?" She answered, "Because someone has taken my Lord away, and I don't know where to find him."

Then Mary turned around. She saw Jesus standing there, but she did not recognize him. Jesus said to her, "Why are you crying?" Thinking he was the gardener, Mary said to him, "If you have taken him away, tell me where you have laid him and I will go and find him."

Jesus said, "Mary!" Now Mary knew that this was Jesus. She said to him, "Rabbouni" which means teacher. Jesus said to her, "Go to my friends and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary went to the disciples and said, "I have seen the Lord!"

And she told them all that Jesus had said to her.
THE LORD

THE WORD OF

Talk about the story and what it says about new life.

At every Eucharist we do what Jesus did with his friends the night before he died. During a meal, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT
FOR THIS IS MY BODY
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

Then Jesus took a cup of wine. He gave thanks and praise. He blessed the cup, gave it to his friends, and said:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW
AND ETERNAL COVENANT. WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR
YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS
IN MEMORY OF ME.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, O LORD, AND PROFESS YOUR
RESURRECTION UNTIL YOU COME AGAIN.

Lord, because you love us, you invite us to come to your table.

Here is how Jesus shares his life and love with us.

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PART VII THE EUCHARIST: IT'S ABOUT GOING FORTH TO
MAKE A BETTER WORLD.

Parent page

HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO LOVE AND HELP ONE ANOTHER.

How does my family help me?

How do my teachers and classmates help me?

What do my neighbors and friends do for me?

Here is a picture of how I show my love for others.

BIBLE STORY: Adapted from Matthew 25: 34-40

One day, Jesus will come again. He will say to those who have lived as he taught:

"Come and receive your share in the kingdom I have prepared for you. I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you made me feel welcome. I had nothing to wear and you gave me clothes. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me."

The people who hear these words will ask Jesus. "Lord, when did we do all these things?" Jesus will say to them: "As long as you did these things for one of my brothers and sisters, you did it for me. You have God's blessing. Come and live forever in the kingdom which has been prepared for you."

The Word of the Lord

What does Jesus ask us to do? _____

What have you done for your brothers and sisters?

After we receive the Eucharist, we all come back to our seats. We keep silent for a while. The Spirit of Jesus helps us think of good ideas for bringing joy and love to people.

Jesus says,

As I have been sent into the world, now I am sending you.

Adapted from John 20:21

We receive a blessing.

MAY ALMIGHTY GOD BLESS YOU, THE FATHER, AND THE SON,
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.

ALL: AMEN

We make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

We are sent forth.

GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

We leave God's house with a joyful song and greet our friends.
