

**St. Gilbert Religious Education Program**  
**April 12, 2026**  
**Parent Letter #12**

Dear Parents,

There are only three classes left after today. The year has sped by and hopefully you experienced how your child/children has/have grown in their knowledge and relationship with God.

**Next week, April 19, is the Mary Prayer Service for the Pre-School and Kindergarten students beginning at 9:25 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. It is always inspiring to witness the enthusiasm of these young children toward Blessed Mary.**

**Grade 2** Thank you to the Catechists for their assistance with the children in preparing for First Communion. We are so grateful for your service. We congratulate the students and hope that they receive the Body and Blood of Jesus over and over again.

Dates for First Communion

***Rehearsal***

April 15 at 6:00 pm

April 22 at 6:00 pm

***First Communion***

April 18 at 1:00 pm

April 25 at 1:00 pm



Congratulations to these students and their families.

**For the Religious Education Students in the Sunday Program and the Family Program, you are asked to come early for rehearsal for the students to go to Confession before we begin the rehearsal. Father would like the students to receive Confession before they receive First Communion. Confessions will begin at 5:30 pm in the Church and conclude by 6:00 pm for rehearsal for First Communion. You can come any time from 5:30 – 6:00 pm. This was not in the original plans so please mark your calendar now. Take the time to go over the rite with your child before that day.**

**REGISTRATION for Preschool - Grades 1-6 (Sunday Program and the Family Program)**

A registration form for next year 2026-2027 will be sent with this parent letter. We encourage you to register for next year at this time. It assists us in ordering books and supplies and planning for catechists if registration is turned in early. Remember to send in the \$40 book fee with your registration form. If we do not have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate on file, please include a copy. If your child has been baptized at St. Gilbert, we are also asking for a copy. Registration forms are available in the office, in the Church, and online at [www.stgilbert.org](http://www.stgilbert.org). Remember that you can pay the book fee on line at Give Central.



I am delighted with the catechists who so faithfully prepared and executed their lessons every class. However, we know that not all Catechists will be available next year and we want to recognize them for their years of service to the Religious Education Program. We appreciate their time and energy each week that they spend sharing their faith with your children. There will be a need for catechists in fall for the 2026-2027 school year. If you are interested, call the office. It is a rewarding experience and we provide everything you will need to make it easy and fulfilling. Thanks also to the volunteers who open the door, monitor the halls, work in the office, and those who help with the parking lot. May God bless you always!

Many of you are on the payment plan for tuition and have completed your payments faithfully. If you have not completed your payments, please do so. Remember that if you want to donate for some families who cannot pay their tuition simply put the donation in an envelope marked TUITION ASSISTANCE - ST. GILBERT REP. If you have a question about

tuition, call Lisa on Monday or Wednesday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Religious Education Office.

There will be a Prayer Service on the last day of classes, May 3 at 9:25 am in the Multi-Purpose Room for everyone. Classes will begin and end at the usual time.

***HAPPY SPRING!***

God bless!

Sister Donna



THE EASTER MESSAGE by Margaret Rorke

Of all the words that have been said  
Throughout recorded time  
The angel's news: "He is not dead!"  
Is, doubtless, most sublime,  
It underscores Christ's work and worth:  
It proves His promise true  
And offers hope to all on earth  
Like nothing else can do.



Apostles bowed by loss and grief,  
By shaken faith and fear,  
Sought evidence before belief  
Like many now and here.  
He gave them proof—the proof we heed  
On every Easter Day –  
The proof Christ lives and is, indeed,  
The truth, the life, the way.



On Easter, I hope  
you receive a  
basketful

of the sweetest  
blessings,

I'm not just  
referring to  
chocolate and jelly  
beans -

I mean the really  
sweet blessings

like faith, hope,  
family, and love...

I hope your heart is  
filled

with all the promise  
of the season.

Merry Easter!