



**St. Gilbert Religious Education
Parent Letter #6
January 21, 2024**

Dear Parents,

I hope the first days of January have been enjoyable ones for you and your family.

Grade 2 Parent Meeting – parents and students preparing for First Communion are invited to an explanation and participation in the Mass on Sunday, January 28, at 2:00 pm in the Church. After Mass, there will be further instruction on the retreat and preparation for First Communion. A letter was sent home with all the First Communion information. I would like to have everyone present.

Grade 4 Parent/Student Retreat – parents and students are invited to participate in a Retreat regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, February 3, 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon. I would appreciate that all the students and parents attend the retreat. 4th graders will not have class on February 4.



Grade 6 students and parents will have an opportunity to experience a Seder, the Jewish Passover meal, on Sunday, March 17 during the Sunday class. The Seder is part of the study of the Old Testament. Mark your calendar now!

Before the holiday, the students participated in a Christmas sing-a-long. Grade 3 students read and dramatized the Christmas story. Thanks to the Catechist: Mercy Saavedra, who prepared the students. It was an inspiring dramatization.

Special thanks to all the second grade students who were part of the Posada Procession and brought the statue of baby Jesus to the crib at the 3:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve.



Thank You Thanks to all of you for your Christmas wishes, cards, and gifts. The families in the program are always so thoughtful to the Catechists, helpers and me. It is truly a blessing to serve you and your children. You are remembered in my prayers everyday. God Bless You!

Blessings in the New Year!

Sister Donna

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FAMILY ACTIVITY

After a snowfall, have each family member say how they feel about the snow. What do they like about a new snowfall and what do they not like? Each member might draw a picture of a snowfall. Say the following psalm together.

PSALM FOR A WINTER DAY



***Oh, all that is glistening with cold this morning...Praise the Lord!
All creatures snuggled away in nests, caves, and trees ...Praise the Lord!
Oh, all peoples bundled in winter wear, scurrying to work...Praise the Lord!
Cars, trucks, and buses chugging along the freeway...Praise the Lord!
Snowbirds all a fluff with thick winter warmth...Praise the Lord!
Cows, steers, and sheep on hillsides, braving cold...Praise the Lord!
Oh, crunch and crackle of shoes on frosty snowfall...Praise the Lord!
All ponds and lakes deeply frozen and lovely formed...Praise the Lord!
Little rabbits leaving deep footprints beneath my window...Praise the Lord!
Yes, all the winter world, whose beauty we so often miss, whose weather we so often condemn, praise the Lord, and bless his holy name, for our world has wonders and tiny miracles if only our hearts as well as our eyes are open to see. Amen.***