

Elementary: Sunday is Special

(Week of Feb. 7)

“Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand.” MK 1:40-45

*Anointing of the sick. Reconciliation. Jesus shared the grace of the sacraments personally and still does today.
We celebrate all the sacraments throughout the celebration of Mass.*

GATHER: Seven Sacraments Challenge. Click [HERE](#) to complete the challenge!!

CONNECT: The sacraments are a gift from Jesus to the Church. He gave us this gift because He would not be with us as a human being forever – but the sacraments would still allow Him to be physically with us in different forms. The sacraments help us live the life God has planned for us, loving and serving others.

EXPLORE: Grade Level Activities 

YEAR 1 (CH 11) Jesus Teaches Us About Forgiveness. This lesson focuses on making good choices, but also asking forgiveness for our poor choices. To reinforce how that they are loved because of who they are and not the choices they make, make this fun **Jesus and My Family Love Me to Pieces** mosaic with your child!

YEAR 2 (CH 1, Blessed Communion Book) This week, continue your discussion of celebrations in our Catholic faith and begin to explore what makes Sunday special, why we have the Mass and how we listen to God at Mass.

Introduce the **PARTS OF THE MASS**. [BLESSED VIDEOS, LESSON 1](#)

Journal with Jesus: Have your child spend a few minutes recording their answer to the journal question on page 49. “Sundays are special because...” End your lesson by praying the Our Father.

Grade 3 (CH 11) We Serve Others. This chapter introduces missionary work. We don’t need to be a traveling missionary to spread Jesus’ Good News—we can spread His Good News everyday by loving and caring for our neighbor. What is one piece of Jesus’ Good News your child would spread?

Grade 4 (CH 11 and 14) The New Commandment; Penance and Reconciliation. Begin by playing the game on p131. The New Commandment helps us to examine our conscience. In an examination of conscience we decide if our words and actions show love for God and others. This is the first step in receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The @Matt groups will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation next week. We encourage you to come as a family to receive the sacrament at one of the times found [HERE](#).

Grade 5 (CH 13 and 14) God Saves Us; Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. Together, make a list of good characteristics a person can have (*helpful, friendly, kind*) as well as bad characteristics a person can have (*lazy, mean, selfish*). Most of us live by the good characteristics we have but we all do have at least one not so good characteristic—and it’s okay! We can work to change that bad habit and let God’s gifts grow in us. The @Matt groups will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation next week. We encourage you to come as a family to receive the sacrament at one of the times found [HERE](#).

REFLECT: Read the Sunday Gospel **Jesus Heals a Man with Leprosy** (Feb. 14, MK 1:40-45) or view it at our [CATHOLIC KIDS CONNECTION!](#)

LIVE IT! All through the Gospels, we see Jesus healing and forgiving – this happens in the sacraments of reconciliation, anointing of the sick and baptism. We read about Him sending out the apostles to forgive others and teach – this is what happens in the sacraments of confirmation, and Holy Orders. This week, we challenge you to celebrate a sacrament: if you are old enough, ask mom or dad to bring you to reconciliation, Mass or an outdoor Communion Service. Or celebrate your baptism – ask mom or dad to bring out pictures and tell you the story of the day you were baptized.