

Make-Up Packet for Day 9

(Thursday, June 14, 2018)

2018 Elementary Summer Religion Program

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church ☩ Erath, Louisiana



Morning Assembly:

- Review *The Act of Contrition*
 - Reminder: Please begin and end your Opening prayer with the **Sign of the Cross!**
 - Text of the prayer:

O, my God,
I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee,
and I detest all my sins
because of Thy just punishment.
But most of all, because they offend Thee, my God,
Who art all good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace,
to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin.
Amen.

- **Bible Story:** The Descent of the Holy Spirit.

After Jesus was crucified and died on the cross, He was buried in a new tomb. Out of fear that they, too, would be arrested and mistreated, the Apostles gathered together in a room with the doors and windows locked. Three days later, Mary Magdalen and her friends went to anoint the body of Jesus (with perfumed oils) in the tomb, but Jesus was not in the tomb! He had risen from the dead! We call this the **Resurrection**.

Over the next 40 days, Jesus occasionally appeared to his Apostles. On one occasion, Jesus even encouraged one of His Apostles (whom we sometimes call “Doubting Thomas”) to touch His wounds—the nail holes in His hands and the place where a soldier’s spear lanced His side. Thomas did so and, when realizing that he was touching the actual wounds of our Risen Savior, Thomas said, “**My Lord and My God!**” (*We are encouraged to repeat those very same words when, at every Mass, the priest elevates (raises) the Body of Christ for everyone to see!*)

On the 40th day after His Resurrection, Jesus brought His Apostles with Him to a place where He **ascended** (*went up*) into Heaven! Jesus was going “home” to Heaven to be with God the Father! The Apostles returned to Jerusalem where they had been hiding and/or in the temple praising God. At some point before He ascended, Jesus had promised that He would send an **Advocate** (*a helper*) to His Apostles (*and to us*). The Apostles were confused by His words and didn’t know what to expect. Jesus had said, “Stay in Jerusalem until you are given power from on high (*from God*).”

Ten days later, on the 50th day after Jesus resurrected from the dead, the Apostles were gathered in the room. They were still afraid that they, too, would be arrested, horribly mistreated, and possibly killed like Jesus. While the doors and windows were locked, they heard a **rushing wind** and, looking around, they saw **flickering flames of fire** floating over their heads! Jesus had sent an **Advocate** (*a helper*) to His Apostles! This Advocate brought several “**gifts**” to the Apostles. One of those gifts was **courage**, and suddenly, **filled with the Holy Spirit**, they ran out of the room, ready to preach, teach,

and baptize others! *(They received several other “gifts” as well. You’ll learn more about the **Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit** as you grow older.)*

There was a festival in the city on that day, and many people had traveled from distant cities and lands to be there for the festival. When Peter began speaking to the large crowd of people who had gathered in the city, he spoke about the things that Jesus wanted them to preach and teach. The visitors were very confused! “Isn’t this man from Galilee? We speak different languages! Why, then, can we understand what he is saying?” Everyone who was present could understand what the Apostles were saying on that day! The Apostles may have been just as surprised! Because of this “gift,” thousands of visitors began to believe in Jesus and everything He wanted the Apostles to teach. Thousands of people were baptized on that day! We still remember and celebrate that day every year—50 days after Easter. We call it **Pentecost**—the **birthday of the Catholic Church**! It is also the last day of the Easter Season!

***Remember:** Easter is not just one day! It’s an entire season! Instead of decorating our yards with pastel-colored Easter eggs during Lent, perhaps we should wait until Easter Sunday to decorate our yards and leave the decorations out until **Pentecost**—the last day of the Easter Season!*

Outdoor games were cancelled on Day 9. Instead, each grade level entered the church on Day 9 to prepare for Day 10’s Mass.

- We brought each grade level into church so they could see where they would sit on Day 10 when they would enter the church for **Confessions** and, later, for **Mass**. We reviewed the proper way to enter the church, genuflect (the typical “**single genuflection**” as well as a “**double genuflection**” when the **Blessed Sacrament** is exposed for **Adoration**).
- While Grades 2-5 were in church, we reviewed the [proper conversation, procedure, and prayers used in Confession](#) as well as the [preferred and acceptable ways to receive Holy Communion](#) (on the tongue and in the hand, respectively).
 - NOTE: For a variety of reasons, a handful of campers in Grades 2-5 have not yet received the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion. The names of those campers were given to the Crew Leaders early in Week 2 of our summer program. Those campers did spend time with their peers in Adoration while their peers went to Confession. They were also taught that they may choose to join the Communion procession (during Mass on Day 10) holding a finger to their lips to indicate that they would like to receive “a sign of God’s peace” rather than receive Holy Communion.
- We introduced/reviewed suggestions for praying or simply “being” in the presence of the **Blessed Sacrament** during **Adoration**.
 - Although Grades 2-5 will spend approximately 25 minutes in Adoration while waiting to go to Confession on Day 10, Grade 1 will enter the church to spend only 5-10 minutes in Adoration.
 - Members of the C.D.A. will be present on Day 10 to lead multiple **Rosaries** throughout the 2+ hours that campers rotate in/out church by grade levels for Adoration and Confession on Day 10.
- When time permitted, Mrs. Frances and our summer seminarians answered questions from the campers.
- The following suggestions/links are provided to help campers in Grades 2-5 (**who have already received the Sacraments of Confession and Communion**) examine their consciences before going to Confession and Mass on Day 10:
 - Page 43 of the blue/white [The New Saint Joseph First Communion Catechism](#) textbook that each Candidate receives in our Sacramental Prep classes while preparing for First Confession and First Communion.

- [An Examination of Conscience for Children using the Ten Commandments](#) (from *johnpaul2center.org*)
- [An Examination of Conscience for Children](#) (from the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)
- [An Examination of Conscience for Children](#) (from Catholic Parents Online)
 - REMINDER: The children in our church parish learn a similar [Act of Contrition](#).
- [Examination of Conscience for Kids](#) (from Amazing Catechists' website)
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Today's Catechism Lessons: Students in Grade 1 may borrow a book from our church office. (They will receive their blue/white F.C. book when they officially begin classes for Sacramental Prep in Grade 2.) Students also receive a copy of the red/white textbook at one of the Sunday Sessions in Grade 3. If you need to borrow a book, we do have a few extra copies.

Grade	Textbook	Please read and discuss these lessons:
Grades 1-5	No textbook today. Instead, specific review handouts were provided to the Catechism Leader.	Topics helped the children prepare for Day 10's weekday Mass: common elements we see in every Catholic Church, including specific areas found in every Catholic Church, sacred vessels used during the Mass, and the liturgical ministers (ordained clergy and lay people) who serve during the Mass.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for taking time to work through this packet with your child!

Please **sign** the **next** page of this packet as proof that Day 9's work has been made up

and **mail or deliver** it to Mrs. Frances at our church office.

She will make the necessary notes on your child's attendance record and will file the signature sheet in your family's registration folder.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please complete this page and return it to our Church Parish Office as soon as possible so Mrs. Frances can update our attendance records to indicate that you have helped your child make up the work that was missed on Day 9 (Thursday, June 14) of our 2018 Summer Religion Program.

My child, _____, in last year's (2017-18) grade level _____, and I have read and discussed the enclosed Bible stories and catechism lesson(s) for **Day 9** (Thursday, June 14) of our 2018 Elementary Summer Religion Program.

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date