

# 4 We grow in holiness

**Baptism** begins our journey of faith.

**Confirmation** makes us stronger.

Soon we will receive **Holy Communion** and be a full member of the Church.



## How do we grow in Faith?

- To be holy is to be **close to God**
- It is to **do what God wants**
- The Holy Spirit makes us holy
- The **gifts of the Spirit** are the “tools” we need
  
- We are in the process of **growing up Catholic**

**God loves YOU!**



## **Prayer Celebration:** A prayer to confirm our faith and prepare us for the Sacrament of Confirmation

**Begin with the Sign of the Cross. Everyone say it aloud together.**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Leader:** We thank you, Jesus, for giving us Baptism, where we received grace to be children of God.

**Parents & Children:** Jesus, we love you. We want to love you more!

**Leader:** Help us prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Parents & Children:** Open our hearts to your Holy Spirit.

**Leader:** Let us open our hearts now to hear God's word and to grow in our faith.

**Reader:** Please listen now to God's Word from the Bible: (Philippians 1:3-6)

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians...

...This is the Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**Listen to the Leader.**

Each child and adult in the room writes on the slip of paper what personal commitment they will make to live their faith after being confirmed.

**All:** (pause after each line)

Jesus, we accept your invitation  
to grow closer to you in love  
and to be confirmed in our faith.  
Please bless us and be with us. Amen.



## Living Our Faith

For each item below, circle the ones God wants you to do.

Love God above all **Or** love myself most

Be kind to everyone **Or** only be nice to my friends

Always tell the truth **Or** sometimes tell lies

Always obey your parents **Or** only if you want to

Ignore your teachers **Or** do what they tell you

Skip Mass if you want **Or** attend Mass on Sunday

Be satisfied with what you have **Or** always want  
something new and shiny

Keep everything to yourself **Or** share your things with  
others

Never steal anything **Or** take things that aren't yours

Treat others like you want to be treated yourself  
**Or** be mean to some and nice to others



## Meeting Jesus in the Bible

At baptism we become friends with Jesus, who is our friend first. He chooses us because he loves us very much.

## Jesus Teaches Us How to Live a Holy Life

Jesus was teaching the people  
and this is what he said.

We should love our enemies  
and do good to those who hate us.

We should offer a blessing to those  
who do mean things to us.

If someone strikes you on the cheek,  
we should offer the other as well.

Give to everyone who asks something from you.

Do unto others as you would have them do to you.

If you love only those who love you,  
what good is that?

Even sinners can do that!

If you are good only to those who do good to you,  
what good is that?

Even sinners do the same!

Do good. Love others.

You will receive a big reward  
from God.



*(Based on Luke 6:27-36)*

**Color this picture together...**



## The Sacrament of Confirmation

The final blessing and being sent forth



- At the end of Confirmation, the bishop tells us to go and live what we believe
- This means we should follow what Jesus and the Church tell us

We receive the

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to help us.



## At home this week

Work on this together at home as a way of continuing the process of preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation

### Make a Plan!

In each empty box, write one way you will live your faith in order to prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

What happens	What I will do
Someone at school was mean to me and I want to get back at them	
My mom or dad asks for my help but I want to watch TV instead	
I don't really want to say my prayers before meals or bedtime	
I did something wrong and I feel bad about it	