

**St. Gilbert Religious Education
Parent Letter #7
January 5, 2025**



Dear Parents,

The cold has arrived. If there is a time when we would need to cancel classes because of weather, the Catechists will call the youngest or only students from their classroom. Otherwise, please use your own judgment whether it is safe to bring your child or not to class.



GRADE 2

The Grade 2 students and parents are invited to participate in a walk-through Mass on Sunday, January 26 at 2:00 pm. The Mass begins their study in preparation for Holy Communion.

GRADE 4

Grade 4 students and parents are invited to participate in a retreat on March 1 beginning at 9:00 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. The Students study the Commandments and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and this is the culmination of that study. Hopefully all the students can join us.



GRADE 6



Grade 6 students and parents will have an opportunity to experience a Seder, the Jewish Passover meal, on Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 9:00 am. Sunday students and those in the Family Program are invited to participate. The Seder is studied as part of the course material for the sixth graders. Mark your calendar now!

There is a lot going on at this time of the year. Hopefully, you have some time to spend as a family to enjoy and appreciate one another. May God grant you blessings of peace, joy, and happiness.

Thank you to all of you for your greetings and remembrances this Christmas Season. It is my pleasure and privilege to work with you and your children. May God grant you and your family many blessings in 2025.

In Christ,
Sister Donna



Blessing written by Teresa of Avila, Spain (1515 - 1582)

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for not abandoning me when I abandoned you.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for offering your hand of love in my darkest, most, lonely moment.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for putting up with me.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for loving me more than I love myself.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for continuing to pour out your blessings upon me, even though I respond so poorly.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for drawing out the goodness in all people, even including me.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for repaying our sin with your love.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for being constant and unchanging, amidst all the changes of the world.

May you be blessed forever, Lord, for your countless blessings on me and on all your creatures.