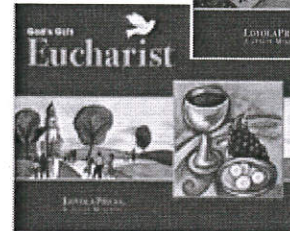
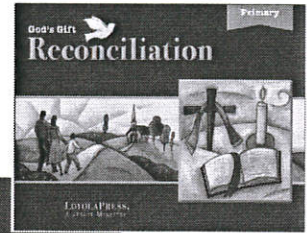




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Dear Level 2 Parent(s):

Welcome to this year of religious formation for your children. In Level 2, we look forward to preparing your children to receive two sacraments: **Reconciliation and Eucharist**.

The books we will be using in class are published by **Loyola Press** and are a good preparation and introduction to the sacraments, as well as the liturgy and our faith. It would help us if after each class you review the chapter we have covered in class with your child, thus emphasizing what the children have learned that week. Please print your child's calendar from our website: www.saintthomasob.com to determine which chapter was taught for that week's lesson.

Another item of note is that on **two Sundays of each month, and every Sunday during Advent and Lent, at the 9:00 AM Mass, the Liturgy of the Word with Children** is presented. During this Mass, after the Opening Prayer, the children process to the Pastoral Center where they hear the readings on their own level and share a reflection. They return to you in the Church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the remainder of the Mass. We strongly encourage you to make every effort to attend this Mass with your children. It will enhance the lesson in class every week and prepare the children for receiving their First Holy Communion in the spring.

Our first **Liturgy of the Word with Children is on Sunday, October 1st at 9:00 AM Mass**. A calendar of these Masses can be found on the back of this letter. We look forward to the partnership we have with you in preparing your children to receive these very special sacraments.

Together we can make this a most rewarding and fulfilling year. Please be in touch with us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Debbie Yesis

Parish Catechetical Leader

FAMILY LITURGIES

Liturgy of the Word with Children is scheduled on the following Sundays of every month, and more frequently during Advent and Lent, at the **9:00 AM Mass**. During the Mass, the children are dismissed to the Pastoral Center after the Opening Prayer, where they sing, hear that Sunday's reading on their own level, and share a reflection and the Prayers of the Faithful. They return to their families during the presentation hymn for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Come and celebrate with us every weekend, and please join us at the Family Liturgies listed below:

SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 (Catechetical Sunday-We bless our Catechists)	9:00 AM
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SUNDAYS	OCTOBER 1 & 15	9:00 AM
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SUNDAYS	NOVEMBER 5 & 19	9:00 AM
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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY	DECEMBER 3	9:00 AM
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SUNDAY	DECEMBER 10	9:00 AM
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SATURDAY	DECEMBER 16 (Sharing Tree Mass)	5:30 PM
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SATURDAY	DECEMBER 24	7:00 PM
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SUNDAYS	JANUARY 7 & 21	9:00 AM
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SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 4	9:00 AM
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SUNDAYS	FEBRUARY 18 & 25	9:00 AM
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SUNDAYS	MARCH 4, 11 & 18	9:00 AM
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