

SIGNATION RITE

St. Raphael Parish
March 9, 2019

SIGNATION RITE
(ending the Family Retreat Day)
Saturday, March 10, 1:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION AND GATHERING SONG

Speaker: As our Family Retreat Day comes to a close,
we come together again to hear God's word,
to promise to follow Jesus more closely,
and to pray for each other.

Let us sing together, "Blest are They," in the Gather hymnal, #636.

GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. *All:* Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And with your spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

Priest: Let us pray . . .
Loving God,
your Son, Jesus Christ, gave his life for us on the cross.
Help us to follow his example.
Teach us to love one another,
even when it becomes very difficult.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

(Invite all to sit.)

Liturgy of the Word

READING I

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26, *Lectionary for Masses with Children*)

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

I have already told you what the Lord Jesus did
on the night he was betrayed.
And it came from the Lord himself.

He took some bread in his hands.
Then after he had given thanks,
he broke it and said,
“This is my body, which is given for you;
Eat this and remember me.”

After the meal,
Jesus took a cup of wine in his hands and said,
“This is my blood,
and with it God makes his new agreement with you.
Drink this and remember me.”

The Lord meant that when you eat this bread and drink from this cup,
you tell about his death until he comes.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

All sing: Glory and Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

(Luke 9:22-24, *Lectionary for Masses with Children*)

Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Jesus told his disciples,
“The nation’s leaders, the chief priests,
and the teachers of the Law of Moses
will make the Son of Man suffer terribly.
They will reject him and kill him,
but three days later he will rise to life.”

Then Jesus said to all the people,
“If any of you want to be my followers,
you must forget about yourself.
You must take up the cross each day and follow me.
If you want to save your life,
you will destroy it.
But if you give up your life for me,
you will save it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

Priest:

- The resurrection gives us new life.
- Jesus died on the cross to show his love for us.
- Jesus tells us that if we want to be his followers, we must live for others.

PARENTS RECEIVE THE CROSS

Priest: Parents, please come forward now to receive a cross, which you will give to your child during the Rite of Signation.

Rite of Signation

Priest:

Now I would like all children preparing for First Communion to stand. (*Point to the crucifix on wall...*) This is the cross of our Lord Jesus. We have heard Jesus say, "If you want to be my disciples, you must take up your cross each day and follow me." Giving ourselves for others, as Jesus did, will not always be easy.

You were first signed with the cross at your Baptism, when God called you by name and invited you to follow Jesus. And so I ask you now, do you want to continue to follow Jesus in the Christian way of life?

Children: "Yes."

Priest: Parents, please stand next to your child and follow my direction about signing the cross on your child.

Children, receive the sign of the cross **on your forehead**. It is Christ himself who now strengthens you with this sign of his love.

(Have parents trace the sign of the cross on their child's forehead.)

All sing: Christ will be your strength! Learn to know and follow him.

Priest: Children, receive the sign of the cross **over your heart** that Christ may dwell there by faith.

(Have parents trace the sign of the cross over their child's heart.)

All sing: Christ will be your strength! Learn to know and follow him.

Priest: Children, receive the sign of the cross **on your hands**, that Christ may be known in the work that you do.

(Have parents trace the sign of the cross on their child's hands.)

All sing: Christ will be your strength! Learn to know and follow him.

Priest: Parents, please prepare the cross on the string and then place it around your child's neck.

(Pause while parents prepare cross.)

Children, we place you entirely under the sign of Christ's cross:
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Live with Jesus now and forever.

All sing: Christ will be your strength! Learn to know and follow him.

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES FOR FIRST COMMUNION

Priest: Let us offer our prayers for these children preparing for First Communion.

Reader: Our response will be: Lord, hear our prayer.

That our loving God will always increase the desire of these children to live for Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That in difficult times,
these children may find strength and hope in the cross,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That these children become aware of others in need,
and be willing to give of themselves for them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Now let us pray together in the words that Jesus taught us

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Concluding Rite

CLOSING PRAYER

Priest: God our Father,
we have celebrated the gift of new life
that we receive in your Son, Jesus.
Help us now to share that gift,
through our lives and with others.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

(Announcement)

Speaker: Parents, after our final blessing, please go to the school building to pick up your child's retreat items and personal belongings.

FINAL BLESSING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing. Please respond "Amen."
May you carry your cross in hope and joy.

All: Amen.

Priest: May you continue to share your life and love with others.

All: Amen.

Priest: And may God continue to bless you:
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Cantor: Let us close our celebration by singing "One Lord" found on the back of your program.