

Staying Close to Jesus

Now that you have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, you know personally the wonderful feeling of being cleansed by God's grace. Remember that feeling in all its wonder and glory and return to it often. It is always available to you. You can always start fresh if you are truly sorry for your sins. God rejoices when we ask for forgiveness. Try your best to follow the commandments but if you fail, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you right back to God's loving forgiveness. Jesus, send the Holy Spirit to guide me in doing good and avoiding sin!

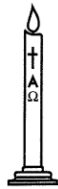
It feels good to confess our sins and know that Jesus always forgives us. Being with our Church family helps us stay close to Jesus. Each time we go to Mass, we see things that remind us that Jesus is with us all the time.

Fill in the blanks with words from the Word List to find some things that remind us of Jesus when we go to Mass.

1. We bless ourselves with _____

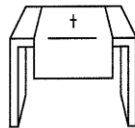


_____ and remember that we were baptized into God's family, just as Jesus was baptized.

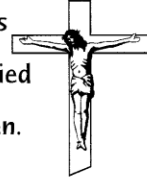


2. The paschal _____ reminds us that Jesus is the light of our life.

3. The _____ makes us think of the table where Jesus and his disciples shared the Last Supper.



4. The _____ helps us remember that Jesus died so our sins can be forgiven.



5. As we listen to the readings from the _____, we hear stories of God's love for us and of Jesus' life on earth.



6. The _____ holds the Holy Eucharist, the gift Jesus gave us of himself.



7. The _____, or plate, holds the bread that becomes the Body of Christ.



8. The _____, or cup, holds the wine that becomes the Blood of Christ.



Word List

Bible	altar	chalice
holy water	crucifix	candle
tabernacle	paten	

Prayer:

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose love endures forever. Amen.