

This is from Mr. Burns about our celebration. Please review it with your child.

## **PREPARING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

### **THE INTRODUCTORY RITES:**

We Gather together, we stand and sing, We make the sign of the cross to remember our Baptism. We tell God we are sorry for our sins. We sing a joyful song called the Gloria. Fr. Brian then prays in the name of all gathered.

Entrance Song: [We Are the Church](#) Christopher Walker

Sing: We are the Church, happy to be, the children in God's family, We are the Church, happy to be, the children in God's family.

Then we make the sign of the cross with Fr. Brian:

+IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.  
AMEN.

Fr. Brian then greets us.

We will then tell God we are sorry for our sins. We will respond: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

We then pray the Gloria.

Fr. Brian then prays the opening prayer.

After the opening prayer we sit down for the LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

We will now listen to stories from the Bible, the Word of God. After our first reading we will sing a song called a Psalm. Then will we listen to a second reading. After that we will praise God by singing Alleluia, to welcome the words of Jesus in the Gospel. After the Gospel, Fr. Brian will talk to us about the Gospel and what Jesus wants us to do in the homily.

WE LISTEN TO THE FIRST READING

RESPONSORIAL PSALM [O TASTE AND SEE](#) MARTY HAUGEN

We sing: O Taste, taste and see, the goodness of God, the blessings of God.

# WE LISTEN TO THE SECOND READING

We then stand and sing with joy to welcome the Gospel: [ALLELUIA](#), ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Fr. Brian then will tell us a story. the Gospel, or Good news of Jesus.

After he reads the Gospel, we will sit down, and he will talk to us about the Gospel in the homily.

After the homily we stand to pray the Creed, and pray the Universal Prayer or prayer of the faithful, We respond Lord hear our prayer.

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

We then sit down as the gifts of bread and wine, which will become the Body and Blood of Jesus are prepared. Fr. Brian then prepares the gifts and prays over them. We sing a song or listen to instrumental music during this part of the Mass.

Fr. Brian then invites us to join with him in praying the Eucharistic prayer, or the great prayer of thanksgiving.

We take part in the prayer by singing several times.

We sing the [Holy](#):

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

After the Holy, Holy we kneel for the eucharistic prayer.

Fr. Brian will then invite all of us to sing the [Mystery of Faith](#):

When we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.

At the end of the Eucharistic prayer, we will [sing Amen](#).

We then stand and pray together the prayer Jesus taught us, The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Fr. Brian then says: as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ.

We respond:

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

We then have the sign of peace. Fr. Brian will ask us to safely offer each other a sign of peace,

The Breaking of the Bread: Fr. Brian then takes the host, breaks it, and places a small piece in the chalice. During this we [sing the Lamb of God](#):

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

After we sing the Lamb of God we KNEEL.

We will then come forward to receive the body and blood of Christ, practicing social distancing. Fr. Brian will say “The body of Christ”, you place your left hand over your right, and raise your hands up. You will respond Amen. You will then move to the side, remove your mask, and consume the Blessed Sacrament. You will then return to your seat. We will then sit in prayer.

As we receive communion, we will sing [Jesus You Are Bread for Us](#).

Jesus you are bread for us. Jesus you are life for us. In your gift of eucharist, we find love, we find love.

After communion Fr. Brian will say a prayer. We stand.

He then will dismiss us to go forth and live as Jesus has taught us.

We respond: THANKS BE TO GOD.

We will then sing a song: [THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE](#)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, This little light light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.