

Grade Two: Expectations of Parents

1. Attend Sunday Mass and actively participate in Mass responses with your child.
2. Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (“go to Confession”); take the whole family.
3. Make it a family priority for your son/daughter to attend faith formation classes.
4. Review and pray with your child the traditional prayers learned in Grade One (the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Grace before Meals) and Grade Two (Act of Contrition, Fatima Prayer, and Grace after Meals).
5. Provide a rosary to your child. If possible, let your child be present when a priest or deacon blesses the rosary. Pray at least one decade of the Rosary with your child each week.
6. Discuss the content of each religion class and your child’s understanding of it. Make it a family learning experience. Provide feedback to the catechist.
7. Celebrate faith-related rituals in your home, i.e., Advent wreath, blessing of the Christmas tree, making Lenten pretzels, etc. Involve your child in the crafts, singing, and related activities.
8. Participate with your child in some parish “meals” — picnics, festivals, potluck dinners.
9. Pray spontaneously as a family at meals and/or bedtime, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.
10. Talk about God as part of your daily family life.
11. Encourage and support your son/daughter in the Confirmation/Eucharist preparation.
12. Read/tell Bible stories to your child.
13. Participate as a family in “whole church” (intergenerational) parish activities when offered.