

### **Grade Three: 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. Help your child experience and observe the work of parish lay ministers and community volunteers.
5. Involve your child/family in some form of shared parish/community service.
6. Celebrate holy days, holidays, birthdays, anniversaries of sacraments, etc. in your home with special decorations, family traditions, and rituals that express your Christian beliefs.
7. Read/tell Bible stories and listen to your child share these stories in his/her own words. Make sure your child has a Catholic Bible of his/her own. (New American Bible or Revised Standard Version – Catholic Edition are approved translations.)
8. Provide a rosary to your child. If the rosary is not blessed, let your child be present if possible when a priest or deacon blesses the rosary. Pray at least one decade of the Rosary with your child each week. (Pray the Rosary on a different day of the week each week so your child will begin to associate the mysteries of the Rosary with their proper day: Joyful Mysteries—Monday and Saturday, Sorrowful Mysteries—Tuesday and Friday, Luminous Mysteries—Thursday, and Glorious Mysteries—Sunday and Wednesday.)
9. Create special prayer times.
10. Bless your child—saying a short prayer while tracing the Sign of the Cross on his/her head.
11. Praying a family novena with your child (a novena at your child’s level).
12. 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.
13. Participate as a family in “whole church” (intergenerational) parish activities when offered.