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1st Penance
and
1st Communion



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1st Penance

Christian Morality

- How live out our lives in relation to God, ourselves, and others.
- Derived from Natural Law and founded in God who is truth and love
- Conscience: the intimate moment/space where we commune with God and struggle with what it is that He is calling us to.
- Intention, Process, Outcome
- Human Dignity: The worth each person has because all people are made in the image and likeness of God.
- Types of Sin (Mortal and Venial)

Natural and Moral Law

◉ Natural Law

- ◉ inscribed in our hearts and is evident in nature through universally shared values that seem to transcend nationalism, culture, and the individual

◉ Moral Law

- ◉ Natural Law that has been written down.
- ◉ Promulgated by the Church as truth and originates from natural law, tradition, scripture, and Christ.

Conscience

- The intimate moment/space where God speaks to us and we wrestle with what He is calling us to do.
- The natural law written in our hearts.

What Makes a Decision Good?

- ◉ Intention

- ◉ Why do you want to do it?

- ◉ Process

- ◉ How are you going to go about doing it?

- ◉ Desired Outcome

- ◉ What will happen? What are the consequences?

- ◉ Common Good: What is best for all is best for the individual. What is best for the individual is best for all.

What is Sin?

- ◉ Sin is an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods. It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity. It has been defined as "an utterance, a deed, or a desire contrary to the eternal law." CCC#1849

Types of Sin

- Venial Sin

 - Partial Separation

- Mortal Sin

 - The choice has been made to sever the relationship with God

No Grey

- Let your Yes mean Yes and your No mean No

Two Types of Freedom

Freedom of
Indifference

- Happiness =
Good Feeling
- If feels it
good
- Self Centered

Freedom of
Excellence

- Happiness =
Submission to
God's will
- It is the right
thing to do for
its own sake.
- Others centered

Reconciliation

- Hope in the Resurrection
- We have something to live for and look forward to
- Where sin abides Grace abounds
- He is constantly calling to himself. Constantly calling us home.

Your Child's 1st Penance

- March 26th at 3:00pm please arrive at 2:50 for quick review
- Dress casually
- We will practice with in school together
- Examination of Conscience

1st Communion and Other Dates

- March 26th 3:00pm - 1st Reconciliation Penance Service (parents and students are asked to arrive no later than 2:30pm)
- March 21st 7:00pm - Parent Catechetical Night. We will watch a portion of Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism Series and learn about the Eucharist. You will come away with a better theological and personal understanding of the Eucharist.
- April 2nd 11:00am - approx. 1:30pm - We will gather for mass together, eat lunch, and then practice for 1st Communion.
- April 30th - 1st Communion (Mass begins at 11:00am. For individual pictures please arrive at 10am. Mr. Williamson will take pictures in one of the meeting rooms. A group picture will be taken after mass.)