



GRACE BEYOND BOUNDS

MARCH 2022
KIDS ASSEMBLY TOPIC

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Objectives:

At the end of the Kids Assembly, MFC Kids will be able to:

- Appreciate prayers and sacraments
- Realize how important the sacraments are to us God's children
- Actively participate in God's love through the sacraments



I. MOTIVATION

Activity: Video Watching

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCT_pZhGoaM

Watch and sing along with this 'Seven Sacraments Song' video



II. HEAD

We are so blessed because through the Church that God has given us, He gave us these sacraments for us to be connected to Him always. The sacraments are instituted by Christ himself.

The Sacraments are actions of God through which He shows us the love He has for us, His sons, and daughters. All the sacraments have been created (instituted) by Him, and that's why it's He who performs them through different means.

Why did He give the sacraments to us? To give us grace. To give us, along with His love, the necessary strength to fight against and through the difficulties of life. Of course, that is, if we have a positive disposition and attitude that desires to please God.

III. HEART


There are **Seven Sacraments**: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony and Holy Orders. These sacraments are God's gift to us for us to feel His love here on earth.

God's grace and love manifest in the sacraments. To understand it, even more, let's talk about these gifts given by God and what we can learn from them. Catholic sacraments are divided into three groups: Sacraments of Initiation, Sacraments of Healing and Sacraments of Service. Each group addresses our unique spiritual needs.

A. Jesus OPENS His Love for Us!

Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)

God initiated His love for us! He knows that we have the tendency to forget Him, but His love is bigger than our limitations. God loves us so much that He is willing to do the first move for us to become open into His grace.



“You were baptized into union with Christ, and now you are clothed, so to speak, with the life of Christ himself.”

Galatians 3:27

B. Jesus HELPS Us!

Sacraments of Healing (Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick)

One way or another, we are going to feel awful sometimes in this life. We get hurt and we feel sad. But our God is a God of healing! He is the source of forgiveness and comfort through our sins and shortcomings. Jesus loves us not just when we are blessed and happy, He also loves us when we are down and broken.

“I am the Lord, the one who heals you.” Exodus 15:26c

C. Jesus wants us to SERVE others too!

Sacraments of Vocation (Matrimony, Holy Orders)

Jesus came here on earth to serve not to be served. And that is also our calling, we are blessed beyond bounds, and we need to serve others also and to spread His love. That is our ultimate calling when we grow up. And one day we will meet Him in heaven, and He will recognize us because we love those people whom He loves.

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

God instituted His sacraments thru His Church for us to be loved by Him. Because of this, we can really say that we are blessed beyond bounds! His grace is beyond bounds!



IV. HANDS

A. For Kids at Play (3-4 years old)

Activity: Thank you coloring pages

Materials:

- Thank you Coloring Page (Appendix A)
- Coloring Material

Instructions:

- Get your crayons or any of your coloring materials and start to put colors into the drawing page
- Note to the Facilitator: After doing the activity, before the assembly ends, call some representatives and let the kids share their work to the group.

B. First Step (5-7 years old) and Foot Step (8-10 years old)

Activity: The Seven Sacraments-Stained Glass Window Craft

Materials:

- Colored Paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pen
- Crayons

Instructions:

- Write a list of the Seven Sacraments onto the white cross.
- Glue the yellow window shape to a piece of black or dark blue paper.
- Glue the small pieces of colored paper to the window shape, creating the "Stained Glass Window."



C. Step up (11-12 years old)

Activity: Household

Discussion question:

- Which sacraments is your favorite?
- What are the lessons you've learned from these sacraments that you received?



IV. TAKE AWAY

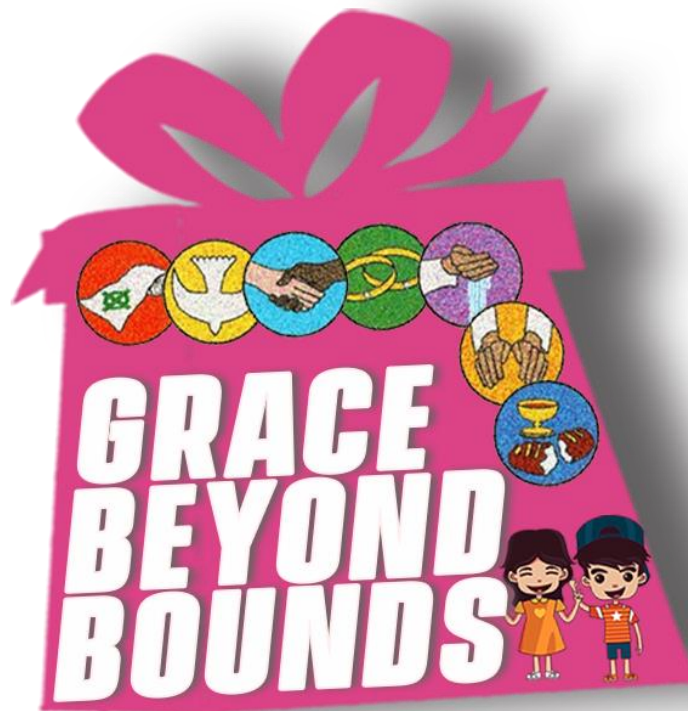
A Sacrament is a prayer! Prayer changes our hearts. Sacrament changes your heart of prayer. Through prayers, we can be filled by God's grace! Grace is beyond our struggles in this world. God is always there to help and sustain us through these sacraments. He is enough!

"And God can give you more than you need so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause."

2 Corinthians 9:8

This month we have learned the importance and we were able to see more the beauty of the seven sacraments that God has gifted us.

Here's your monthly gift that will remind us of what we have learned this month – the Seven Sacraments!



MARCH KIDS ASSEMBLY



RECITATION OF MFC KIDS PROMISE

1. I will imitate Jesus.

- I will pray to God and read the Bible every day.
- I will make Jesus as my role model by obeying rules and doing good in school.

2. I will be a good family member.

- I will be a good son/daughter to my parents by obeying and respecting them.

- I will be a good sister/brother to my siblings through sharing and supporting them.

3. I will be an active member of MFC Kids

- I will always attend and participate in all MFC Kids activities.
- I will share my time, talents and treasures to others especially to my brothers and sisters in MFC Kids
- I will love, respect and be loyal to my MFC Kids family.

4. I will tell others about Jesus.

- I will love my brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends by doing good deeds everyday that will reflect God's love.
- I will serve in our Parish Church.
- I will love the poor by sharing what I have with them

Appendix A

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE!


JEREMIAH 29:11



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Dear Parents/Guardians,



Magandang Buhay! Thank you for letting your kids attend our Kids Assembly this month and for being one with us in believing that they are ***never too young to know Christ***. We honor your love and passion in making your child/ren closer to the Lord.

February is a Pro-life month. This is a month dedicated to the preservation and respect for human life, and the sanctity of marriage and the Filipino family. For this month's assembly, we aim to teach the kids the value of human life – the value of their lives. We also aim to let them realize that no one is too young to defend and protect life. For the kids to be able to understand more the gift of life that they received, we believe that parents are the primary teachers who can impart and explain more the beauty of life. In doing so, here are some suggested activities at home that would help us explain to the kids this gift of life:

1. Together, make a list of the ways your child was “fearfully and wonderfully made.” Then, during the week, affirm your child's gifts and personality traits.
2. Although some people believe that a preborn baby is not yet a person, the Bible teaches that life—and personhood— begins at our creation, not our birth. In South Korea, their culture affirms that life begins at conception by including the time in a mother's womb when calculating a person's age. Remind your child of her “true” age and consider celebrating the special day nine months before her next birthday.

3. Use gift tags that say “To:” and “From:” (you can make these on your own using strips of paper). Take these tags with you as your child looks around your home and names their favorite possessions. Ask, “Who does this belong to?” and “Where did we get it?” Recognize each item’s ownership by filling out and attaching gift tags accordingly. Turn the discussion to your child. Fill out a tag to read “To [your child’s name]” and “From God,” then attach it to your child. Explain, “We can give each other things, but only God gives life.” Have your child feel their heartbeat and see if they can catch the rise and fall of their chest with each breath. Explain that their very breath is a gift from God, and remind them that since he or she is made in God’s image, his or her life is very special. With your child, say a prayer thanking God for the gift of life He has given.

After doing the activities, we encourage you to post these on your social media accounts so that you can inspire other parents and families to journey with their kids. Use these hashtags - #MFCKids #ParentChildActivity #MomentsThatMatter

Thank you much and we hope to be with your kid/s next month!

MFC Kids Team