

# st. patrick's catholic church

## Important Prayers & Information for Catholics

### The Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 all evil. Amen.

### The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### The Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee, and I detest all of my sins because of thy just punishments. But most of all because they have offended thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

### The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he arose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### The Seven Sacraments

Baptism  
Reconciliation  
Holy Eucharist  
Confirmation  
Marriage  
Holy Orders  
Anointing of the Sick

### The Ten Commandments

1. I am the Lord your God, you shall not have other gods besides me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

### The Mysteries of the Rosary

#### Joyful Mysteries

Anunciation  
Visitation  
Birth of Jesus  
Presentation in the Temple  
Finding the Child in the Temple

#### Sorrowful Mysteries

Agony in the Garden  
Scourging at the Pillar  
Crowning with Thorns  
Jesus carries His Cross  
Death of Jesus on the Cross

#### Glorious Mysteries

Resurrection  
Ascension  
Descent of the Holy Spirit  
Assumption of Mary  
Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven

# Sacrament of Reconciliation

As preparation for going to confession, you should spend a few moments thinking about what sins you need to tell Jesus, and ask for forgiveness. Take your time and be prepared when you enter the confessional.

After entering the confessional, kneel down.

Make the sign of the cross, saying, **Bless me, Father for I have sinned. It has been...***here mention how long it has been since the last time you went to confession, two weeks, a month, two months, whatever amount of time it has been since you last went to confession and then say...***and these are my sins:**

Now you say the sins you want to ask Jesus forgiveness of through the sacrament. When you have finished saying all of your sins, say, **I am truly sorry for all of my sins.**

Father will now speak to you a little about some of the things you said and give you advice. He will also tell you what you must do for your penance. You do your penance when you go back into the Church after confession.

Father will then ask you to say your Act of Contrition:

## Act of Contrition

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Father will then speak the words of absolution. When he says, “and I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,” you make the sign of the cross and say “**Amen.**”

You then may leave. As you leave, you should say, “**Thank you, Father.**”