

Did I tell mean or inappropriate jokes?
Did I hurt someone by my teasing or pranks?
Did I dress, speak, or behave inappropriately?
Did I act selfish or phony in my relationships?
Did I push or nag someone to get what I wanted?
Did I act unkind, impatient, rude, or jealous toward others?
Did I exclude other people?

Sins misusing God's Creation:

*"God looked at everything He had made, and found it very good."
(Genesis 1:31)*

Did I abuse alcohol or use illegal drugs?
Did I smoke or vape?
Did I overeat, starve myself, or "binge and purge"?
Did I intentionally do harm to my own body?
Did I mistreat animals or the environment?
Did I watch, read, or listen to something I shouldn't?
Did I use any form of technology addictively?
Did I use entertainments of media in isolating ways?
Did I act greedy or ungenerous?
Did I act as if God would not take care of me?

*If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and just and
will forgive our sins and cleanse
us from every wrongdoing.
(1st John 1:9)*

*Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
His mercy endures forever!
(Psalm 107:1)*

An Examination of Conscience

for 2nd through 5th Grade



*On Easter evening, Jesus appeared to the Apostles in the upper room and said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."
(See John 20:19-23)*

Sins against our God:

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment."
(Matthew 22:37-38)

- Since my last, good confession, did I not pray daily?
- Did I reject God, the Lord Jesus Christ, or my Catholic Faith?
- Did I receive the Holy Eucharist in a state of mortal sin?
- Did I break the one-hour Eucharist fast and still receive Him?
- Did I hold back from confessing my serious sins on purpose?
- Did I put faith in magic or superstitions?
- Did I use the Lord's name like a curse word?
- Did I "swear to God" about something unimportant or untrue?
- Did I ignore Friday as a special day for penance?
- Did I ignore Sunday as a special day for worship and rest?
- Did I act disrespectfully toward the Eucharist, holy persons or things?
- Did I come late, leave early, or skip Sunday Mass by my own fault?
- Did I behave disrespectfully or inattentively at Holy Mass?
- Did I make false gods (or idols) of delightful persons or things?
- Did I stubbornly doubt God's existence, goodness, or love for me?

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offense.

My offenses truly I know them...

what is evil in your sight I have done.

O purify me, then I shall be clean;

O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

A pure heart create for me, O God,

put a steadfast spirit within me.

Give me again the joy of your help;

with a spirit of fervor sustain me...

O rescue me, God, my helper,

and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth shall declare your praise.

(See Psalm 51)

Sins against our Parents & Teachers:

"Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord, your God, has commanded you, that you may have a long life and that you may prosper..."
(Deuteronomy 5:16)

- Did I fail to show my parents love and thankfulness?
- Did I disobey my parents or skip my household chores?
- Did I lie to my parents or hide things from them?
- Did I push or nag my parents to do what I wanted?
- Did I disrespect a parent by being sassy or back-talking?
- Did I disobey or disrespect a teacher?
- Did I cheat on tests or copy homework?
- Did I choose not to give my best effort at school or at home?
- Did I purposely break any rules or laws?

Sins against Others:

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."
(John 13:34)

- Did I hate someone? (Is there anyone I am unwilling to pray for?)
- Did I wish harm or revenge on anyone?
- Did I fight with anyone?
- Did I physically harm someone on purpose?
- Did I touch anyone in a bad or inappropriate way?
- Did I use technology to hurt someone?
- Did I spread untruths about someone on purpose?
- Did I tell negative stories about someone for no good reason?
- Did I judge others unfairly?
- Did I act as an unfaithful friend?
- Did I tell any lies?
- Did I steal or damage someone's property on purpose?
- Did I try to get someone to do something wrong?
- Did I lead another person to sin by something I said or did?
- Did I just stand by while another person did wrong?