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## Final Blessing

Father: "The Lord be with you."

Respond: *"And with your spirit."*

Make The Sign of the Cross while  
Father says: "May almighty God bless  
you, the Father, and the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit."

Respond: *"Amen."*

## Dismissal

Father: "Go forth, the Mass is  
ended." OR

"Go and announce the Gospel of  
the Lord." OR

"Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by  
your life." OR

"Go in peace."

We respond: *"Thanks be to God."*

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When we leave Mass, we carry Jesus within us. This was your First Holy Communion– but not your only, or last Communion. Hopefully the first of many joyous Communion!

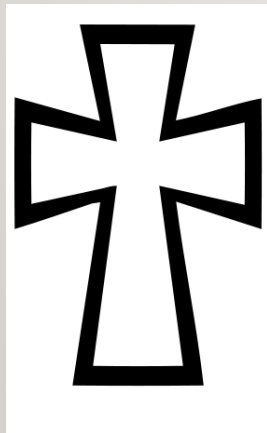
During the “Dismissal” we are sent out to bring Jesus to those around us through our words and actions.

Just as Jesus sent the disciples to “Go into all the world and preach my gospel,” so he sends us all as well.

Please contact Andrea if you have any questions. [andreak@saintbrendan.org](mailto:andreak@saintbrendan.org)

# Activities

- Write a letter to Jesus telling him about how you are feeling about your First Communion. Are you excited, thankful, ...?
- Create a First Communion banner out of felt or paper. Include your name, a picture of yourself, the date of your First Communion, symbols of the Eucharist (wheat, bread, host, grapes, wine, chalice, ...).



# Thoughts and Prayers

You have learned a lot about the Mass and your responses. It is important to also want to have a relationship with Jesus, your friend. Would you join me in this special prayer?

*Lord Jesus come into my heart.*

*I desire that You be Lord of my life so that I may be a  
Child of the light*

*and know You as my personal Savior.*

*I know and believe that You died on the cross for my sins,  
that You rose again on the third day, and  
that You are coming again in Glory.*

*I believe in Your forgiveness and desire that You help me avoid any  
sins that will keep me separated from Your everlasting Love.*

*Come Lord Jesus, and be King of my Heart. Amen.*