

Glossary – Reconciliation Service

<p>1. Absolution</p>	<p>Absolution is the priest's prayer for the forgiveness of our sins that we receive from God through the Church in the sacrament of Reconciliation.</p>	<p>6. Conscience</p>	<p>Conscience is a gift from God that helps us to know what is right and what is wrong.</p>
<p>2. Absolve</p>	<p>The word <i>absolve</i> means "to take away." We are absolved from our sins in the sacrament of Reconciliation.</p>	<p>7. Conversion</p>	<p>Conversion is turning away from sin and living as a child of God. We receive God's help to do this in the sacrament of Reconciliation. This is why this sacrament is also called the sacrament of conversion.</p>
<p>3. Act of Contrition</p>	<p>An act of contrition is a prayer of sorrow for our sins. The word <i>contrition</i> means "being sorry."</p>	<p>8. Eucharist</p>	<p>The Eucharist is one of the Sacraments of Initiation. The Eucharist is the sacrament of the real presence of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. The Eucharist is the sacrament in which we receive the Body and Blood of Christ. The Eucharist makes present the sacrifice Jesus freely offered for the forgiveness of sins.</p>
<p>4. Bible</p>	<p>The Bible is the written word of God. The Holy Spirit inspired, or guided, the people of God to write the Bible. The Old Testament and the New Testament are the two main parts of the Bible. The Bible is also called the Sacred Scriptures.</p>	<p>9. Examination of Conscience</p>	<p>The word <i>examine</i> means "to look at carefully." In our examination of conscience we ask the Holy Spirit to help us take a careful look at how we are living as children of God.</p>
<p>5. Confess</p>	<p>The word confess means "to admit that one has done something wrong." In the sacrament of Reconciliation we confess, or tell, our sins to the priest. Another name for the sacrament of Reconciliation is the sacrament of confession.</p>	<p>10. Great Commandment</p>	<p>The Great Commandment is the commandment that all God's laws depend on. There are two parts that make up the Great Commandment. The first part tells us that we are to love God with our whole heart, mind, and soul. The second part tells us that we are to love others as we love ourselves.</p>

11. Heaven	Heaven is being happy with God, Jesus, Mary, and all the saints forever after our life on earth has ended.
12. Hell	Hell is living separated from God forever after we die.
13. Holy Spirit	The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Holy Trinity.
14. Holy Trinity	The Holy Trinity is a name for God. It tells us what God has told us about himself. There is one God in three Persons—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
15. Jesus Christ	Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the second Person of the Holy Trinity who became one of us. Jesus is true God and true man. By his death and resurrection Jesus saved us from our sins and reconciled us to God and to one another.
21. Resurrection	The Resurrection is God's raising Jesus from the dead to new and glorious life by the power of the Holy Spirit.
22. Reverence	Reverence is the gift of the Holy Spirit that enables us to show honor and respect to God, people, and all creation.

16. Mercy	Mercy is the love and kindness of God that is greater than we can ever expect to receive.
17. Peace	Peace is living in friendship with God and others.
18. Penance	A penance is a prayer or a good deed we do that shows we are sorry for our sins and want to make better choices. In the sacrament of Reconciliation the priest gives us a penance to do or say. Our penance helps us to repair or heal the harm we have caused by our sins.
19. Penitent	The penitent is the baptized person who takes part in the sacrament of Reconciliation. The word <i>penitent</i> means "one who is sorry for their sins."
20. Reconciliation	The sacrament of Reconciliation is also called the sacrament of Penance. Reconciliation is one of the seven sacraments that Jesus gave us. In this sacrament God forgives us the sins we commit after Baptism. We are reconciled with God and with others in the Church.
26. Sin	Sin is freely choosing to say or do something that we know is against God's laws. Sin is also freely choosing not to say or do something that we know is right. Sin always harms our relationship with God and with our church family.
27. Sorrow	Sorrow is the sadness we feel because of our sins and the desire to make up with those we have hurt by our sins.

23. Sacraments	The sacraments are the seven special celebrations of the Church that Jesus gave us. They are Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony. Jesus is present with the Church in a special way in the sacraments. Celebrating the sacraments makes us sharers in God's life and love.
24. Sacred Scriptures	The Sacred Scriptures are the written word of God. The Sacred Scriptures are also called the Bible.
25. Saviour	Savior is a name we give to Jesus. Jesus saved us from our sins and reconciled us to God and to one another.

28. Temptation	Temptation is something that tries to lead us to do or say what is against God's commandments.
29. Ten Commandments	The Ten Commandments are the laws made known by God to Moses and God's people. The Ten Commandments guide us in living as children of God. They help us to love God, others, and ourselves.