Examination of Conscience During Lent for Schools

(Based on [**Pope Francis**](https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/7034628.Pope_Francis)**’** ***[Evangelii Gaudium: The Joy of the Gospel](https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/27393319)***)

**PRESIDER: Pope Francis reminds us in *The Joy of the Gospel:* *“Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.”*** [***Pope Francis***](https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/7034628.Pope_Francis), [**The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium**](https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/27393319)

***READER ONE: “The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.”*** [**Pope Francis**](https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/7034628.Pope_Francis), [**The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium**](https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/27393319)

READER TWO: Do I love God above all else and strive to live according to his word?

 Do I take God's name in vain?

 Do I pray each day?

 Do I come to Mass every Sunday with a grateful and loving heart?

***READER ONE: “Often it is better simply to slow down, to put aside our eagerness***

***in order to see and listen to others, to stop rushing from one thing to another and to remain with someone who has faltered along the way.”***  [**Pope Francis**](https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/7034628.Pope_Francis), [**The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium**](https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/27393319)

READER TWO: Do I treat others with kindness and compassion?

 Do I listen to and obey my parents, teachers, and those in authority?

 Do I respect the elderly?

 Do I reverence the gift of human life in all of its forms?

***READER ONE: “Whenever we encounter another person in love,***

***we learn something new about God.”*** [***Pope Francis***](https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/7034628.Pope_Francis)***,***[***The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium***](https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/27393319)

READER TWO: Am I judgmental and critical of others?

 Do I pray for those who offend me?

 Do I seek revenge instead of forgiveness?

 Am I willing to let go of grudges and resentments?

***READER ONE: Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street,***

***in a city square, during work, on a journey.*** [***Pope Francis***](https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/7034628.Pope_Francis)***,***[***The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium***](https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/27393319)

READER TWO: Am I mindful of the needs of the poor, the hungry, the homeless?

Do I share the gifts of my time, talent, and treasure?

 Do I strive to be honest, fair, and just in my relationships with others?

 Do I love my neighbor as myself?

**PRESIDER: Let us pause in silence as we think about the sins we will confess today.**