

First Reconciliation Ceremony

First Reconciliation Ceremony on either Tuesday, March 12th or Thursday, March 14th at 6:30 PM in the church.

Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 PM for the following classes:

Mrs. Nieves & Mrs. Bernard
Mrs. Vasquez
Mrs. Atallah & Mrs. Aguirre
Mr. Tesi & Mrs. Olivo

Thursday, March 14th at 6:30 PM for the following classes:

Mr. Messick & Mrs. Swanson
Mrs. Bastidas
Mrs. Tangney & Mrs. La Forge

Here's what you need to know:

Preparation:

- In class: Your child will learn about the examination of conscience, the act of contrition (provided below), and important prayers like the Hail Mary and Our Father.
- At home: Please review these concepts with your child and practice prayer together. Ceremony

Flow:

1. Gather as a family: Sit together in the church. Father Harry will lead readings, and we'll recite the examination of conscience and act of contrition.
2. Individual confession: Each child will have a private confession with the priest. Parents will stay nearby.
3. Candle lighting: After confession, children will light a candle at the altar, symbolizing the light of God's forgiveness.
4. Penance: We'll head to the statue of Mary for personalized penances.
5. Quiet reflection: Take a moment together to reflect on the experience.
6. Celebrate: Visit the patio to decorate our "Shepherd of Souls" board with your child's sheep picture. Take photos if you wish!

Important reminders:

- Date/Time: Your child's specific date is listed above (March 12th or 14th).
- Act of Contrition: See below for the prayer we'll use.
- Dress code: Dress modestly and respectfully.

ACT OF CONTRITION

My God,

I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ Suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

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 evil.

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.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Do I pray daily?

Do I put my trust in superstitions?

Do I attend church on Sundays and holy days of obligation? Have I used the name “God” or “Jesus” in anger?

Have I used foul or ugly language?

Do I respect and obey my parents and my elders?

Do I help around the house, and do my chores without being told? Do I respect my teachers and my administrators?

Do I beat up others, or physically hurt others?

Do I bully others, or tease them?

Do I treat my body with respect?

Do I watch television shows or movies that are bad for me? Do I take things without permission?

Do I destroy or misuse items that don't belong to me? Do I take care of things that I borrow from others?

Do I tell lies to make myself look good?

Do I tell lies to get out of punishment?

Do I tell lies on others?

Do I cheat on tests and copy someone else's homework? Do I get jealous of things that my friends have?