

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FIRST RECONCILIATION

What should my child wear?

This is a special event in the life of your child, so students should dress up for this special moment. Church attire is appropriate for Thursday night, such as: nice slacks and a nice shirt for boys and a dress, skirt, or nice pants with a nice shirt for girls. Please no jeans or sweats for this evening. We wish to put our best foot forward for Jesus.

When should we be there?

We are asking for families to arrive at the church by 6:15pm. You will be asked to sign in and receive a program before going to your seat. Fr. Storey will start promptly at 6:30 pm. There will be 8 priests hearing confession.

Where should we sit?

There are no assigned seats for this night. We ask that you sit together as a family in a pew of your choice. Please try to sit towards the front of the church

How will my child know when to go to Confession?

There will be ushers that will come around to each child and tell them when they may get up to wait in line, as well as which line to go to. This will allow us to keep the numbers equal and not have too many students waiting at once and keep the mood reverent and quiet. Please remind your child that all of the priests will help them through the sacrament.

How can I help my child if they are feeling nervous?

It is quite natural to be excited as well as nervous to experience this next step in their faith journey. Some students become more nervous than others. If you feel your child is a bit more anxious, talk about writing on a small card or piece of paper what they plan to say to the priest. They can take this paper with them when they receive their sacrament to help them feel more confident. Also when your child is called to wait in line, you are more than welcome to wait with them in line to help calm their nerves if you feel they need that extra support until it is actually their turn and they will then need to complete the sacrament on their own.

How long do we need to stay?

After your child completes his or her First Reconciliation they will return to their pew to complete their penance prayers. Once your child has completed their penance, you and your family are free to leave. There will be no closing to our service. We ask that you please leave quietly as many students will still be waiting for their turn and we want to be respectful of all students. If you wish to converse, please do so outside of the church, voices tend to carry from the vestibule.

Thank you all for all of your dedication towards your child's faith at home.

You truly are your child's first and best teacher!