## First Reconciliation Preparation 2023

The current practice of the Church is that preparations for First Reconciliation are to precede preparation for First Communion. Preparations for First Reconciliation take place in the fall; preparations for First Communion in the winter/spring.

The sacrament of Reconciliation is a gift that celebrates and affirms the immeasurable and everlasting love and forgiveness of God. The loving-kindness and faithfulness of our Lord provides the backdrop and framework in which we are invited to examine our lives, confess our weaknesses and sins, and be assured of the ongoing love and presence of God in our lives through the Church's absolution.

Preparations for First Reconciliation are done when children are in the early primary grades. Parents are invited to enroll their children in the preparation process when they feel they are ready for the sacrament.

The process of preparation involves parents and children, and takes place in both the parish community and home. Families should be regular participants in the life of their faith community.

Children preparing for sacraments should be participating in on-going formation through either a Catholic school or Generations of Faith. All are welcome, but ideally families should prepare and celebrate sacraments with their home parish.

## First Reconciliation Calendar 2023

Wednesday, September 20 6:30 pm Parent/child meeting

Homework: Blessed, Chapters 1-2

Wednesday, October 25 6:30 pm Parent/child Meeting

Homework: Blessed, Chapters 3-4

Thursday, November 30 6:30 pm Parent/child Meeting

Homework: Blessed, Chapters 5,6

## First Reconciliation Celebrated

Wednesday, December 6 6:30 pm Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

