

## 2017 – 2018 Preparation for First Reconciliation/Penance

*September 24 through January 20 – Immediate Sacrament Preparation*

Sept. 24 (Sun.) ***Parent/Guardian Gathering I; 9:15 – 10:10 (Saint Kateri Parent Center)***

Oct. 1 (Sun.) – *Lesson #1 for children*

**Chapter One – We Belong to God**

**Oct. 8 (Sun.) NO CLASSES (Public Schools Closed – October 9)**

*Continue with Lesson 1, get acquainted with website [www.rclbsacraments.com](http://www.rclbsacraments.com)*

*Click on “Reconciliation” and then “Program: We are your people...”*

Oct. 15 (Sun.) – *Lesson #2 for children*

**Chapter Two – We Follow Jesus**

Oct. 22 (Sun.) -- *Lesson #3 for children*

**Chapter Three – We Listen to the Holy Spirit**

***Parent/Guardian Gathering II; 9:15 – 10:10 am (Saint Kateri Parent Center)***

Oct. 29 (Sun.) – *Lesson #4 for children*

**Chapter Four – We Are Sorry**

Nov 5 (Sun.) -- *Lesson #5 for children*

**Chapter Five – We Are Forgiven**

**Nov. 12 (Sun.) NO CLASSES – PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSED**

**Nov. 19 (Sun.) – Parent/Child “The Potter” Retreat 9:30 am Retreat - Mass—12:00 noon**

***Meet in Madonna Hall by 9:30 am – after Retreat we will attend Mass***

**Nov. 26 (Sun.) NO CLASSES (Thanksgiving Weekend)**

**Dec. 3 (Sun) All 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Families Meet in Church by 9:00 am**

**Tour of Confessionals (Church) / Letters to Confirmation Candidates (Classrooms)**

Dec 10 (Sun) – *Lesson #6 for children*

**Chapter Six – We Are Peacemakers**

*(Family Service Sunday Gr. 4, 5 in Madonna Hall 9:00 am)*

**Dec. 17 (Sun) – Review all previous lessons – prayers to be memorized by this date:**

*Prayer of Sorrow (p. 54 in student book) Daily Prayers (p. 71, only, in student book)*

**Dec. 24 (Sun) NO CLASSES (Merry Christmas!)**

**Dec. 31 (Sun) NO CLASSES (Merry Christmas!)**

Jan. 7 (Sun) *Lesson #7 for children*

**Review “Celebrating Reconciliation” on reverse and also beginning on p. 52 in student book**

Jan. 14 (Sun) *Lesson #8 for children* ***Home Study Weekend***

**Review/Practice**

**Jan. 20 (Sat.) – Celebration of the Sacrament of First Penance; 10:30am (Church)**

***Meet in Church between 10:15 – 10:20***

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

When entering Reconciliation Room, Father will greet you.

**Together, you and Father make the sign of the cross and then you say:**

**Bless me Father for I have sinned**

**This is my first Confession**

*(After your first Confession, instead of saying "this is my first confession" you will tell father how long it has been since you last confessed your sins to a priest)*

**These are my sins – (tell Father your sins)**

Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask Father for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words:

**"I am sorry for these and all my sins."**

Father will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity.

After you have received your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more.

**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.**

The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond,

**"Amen."**

You then return to the body of the church and reverently offer your penance, and reflect on this experience of God's mercy.

## THE 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. Amen.**

## THE 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.**