



of Our Lord Parish

## PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION (Confession)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is primarily a celebration of all the times we have encountered God's mercy, healing, and forgiveness. It is a reminder how Jesus can transform our lives, our families, and our communities when we welcome him into our hearts, not just one time, but every day. It is, after all, a sacrament of peace and joy. We invite you to read further and, hopefully, to be part of the preparation for First Reconciliation at Nativity Parish.

The process of preparation of a child for First Reconciliation can be a wonderful uplifting experience when we commit ourselves to making this a special event involving the whole family. We encourage you to take a look at the signs of readiness for the Sacrament. Families with children in grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 are invited to take part in this process if it is determined that the child is ready. We will also provide for older children as needed.

The preparation process includes three sessions here at Nativity (listed below) and a family activity book that you will work together on at home. It is very important that parents or other significant adults in the lives of the children be involved in the immediate preparation for this sacrament.

The first preparation session will be held:

**Tuesday, September 6 or Wednesday, September 7, 6:30-7:30 pm in Bona Hall (choose one) – for Parents and Children. There will be a \$10 fee to cover cost of materials, which you are asked to bring to the first session.**

Also, mark the following dates on your calendar for other sessions:

**Tuesday, November 8, 6:30-7:30pm –Parent Session only-in Bona Hall.**

**Saturday, December 3, 9-11:30 am – Parent/Child Retreat in Bona Hall.**

**Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Celebration of First Reconciliation – 6:30pm (Church) – the whole family is invited.**

- ✓ **Please RSVP to this invitation using the contact information below so that we will have sufficient materials. If you have any other questions or concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch with us.**
- ✓ **All children are encouraged to attend Faith Formation classes and Parish Gatherings (the Kick-Off event is September 21). If you did not receive information in the mail about the Faith Formation program, please visit [www.nativityparish.com](http://www.nativityparish.com) or give us a call.**

Blessings,

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## **SIGNS OF READINESS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Is your child ready...

- to hear stories about God as loving and forgiving?
- to learn the difference between an accident, a sin, and a mistake?
- to admit that at times he/she is hurtful, selfish, and sinful?
- to learn that sin hurts others as well as oneself?
- to say I'm sorry and I will do better next time?
- to learn more about confession and absolution?
- to learn how the priest hears our sins in the name of Jesus and grants us forgiveness?
- to learn a prayer of sorrow?
- to celebrate reconciliation in a sacramental setting?



*Create in me  
a clean heart,  
O God, and  
put a new  
and right spirit  
within me.*

*-Psalm 51:10*