

Prayers for Reconciliation

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.
Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit Before an Examination of Conscience

Come, Holy Spirit, come
into my heart and mind
and give me the
light to see my sins and
the grace to confess them
honestly.
Amen.

Great prayers for silent prayer after receiving Communion

Act of Love

O my God, I love you above all things,
with my whole heart and soul,
because You are all-good and worthy of all
my love.
I love my neighbor as myself for love of You.
I forgive all who have injured me,
and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured.
Amen.

Act of Hope

O my God,
trusting in Your infinite
goodness and promises,
I hope to obtain pardon of
my sins, the help of Your
grace, and life everlasting,
through the merits of
Jesus Christ, my Lord and
Redeemer.
Amen.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Sacred Hearts Church
Saturday - 4:00p.m. & Sunday - 7:30a.m., 9:00a.m., 11:30a.m.
St. Patrick Church
Sunday - 10:15a.m.

Confession Schedule

Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel (below Sacred Hearts Church)
Saturday - 3:00-3:45 p.m. and by request

Sacred Hearts Parish

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Handbook

"We walk by faith," 2 Cor 5:7



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Dear Families,

This is a very exciting year for you and your child! Your child will receive two wonderful Sacraments this year: Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Please read through the accompanying materials and let me know if you have any questions.

God Bless,

Beth Fullerton

Requirements to Receive Reconciliation & First Holy Communion:

The child must be baptized

The child must be Catholic

The child must be well-prepared

The child must want to receive the Sacraments

Preparation at School/Religious Education:

The teachers and catechists will be using the *We Believe* series to help the children understand God's love for us and the beauty of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Enrollment Ceremony:

Father John will lead the children and their parents in an Enrollment Ceremony on Sunday, January 8 @ 1:30 pm. We will meet in the Church.

Important Due Dates:

Children are asked to make an 8.5 x 11 "Welcome Home" picture or collage to be displayed at Reconciliation (**Due Friday, January 6**). Also, to provide the sacramental record form and a small photo (with your child's name on the back) for Holy Communion (**Sacramental Form and Photo Due Friday, Nov. 18**). These will not be returned. Children will also make First Communion banners with their classes.

Sacramental Preparation Fee:

Religious Education Families: If you have not already paid this \$25 fee I ask that you forward it to the Religious Education office at your earliest convenience (checks can be made payable to Sacred Hearts Parish). If the fee is a financial hardship please contact me. If you are unsure whether you have already paid this fee, please check with me. No child will be kept from a Sacrament because of financial reasons.

First Reconciliation:

Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, January 28 at 10:00 a.m. (for SHS students) and at 1:30 p.m. (for RE students). If you have a conflict with your assigned time, please contact us as soon as possible and we'll be happy to help. Dress—Students should wear their Sunday best.

Holy Communion Retreat:

The First Communion Retreat for Religious Education students will be held Sunday, April 30 at 1:30 p.m. The retreat for second-graders at SHS will be held during a school day. Children are required to attend. Parents may, but are not required to stay. At the retreat, the children will watch a video, practice a song, practice receiving Communion, listen to a talk on the Eucharist, and tour the Church.

Rehearsals:

Rehearsals will take place on weekday evenings in the week prior to your child's First Communion. We will practice lining up, coming forward to receive Communion, practice a song the children will sing, etc. More details to follow.

First Holy Communion Masses:

May 6 @ 10 a.m.—Sacred Hearts— RE class (Forde/Bronson)

May 6 @ 1:30 p.m.—Sacred Hearts—RE classes (Ms. Keefe and Mrs. Fellows)

May 7 @ 1:30p.m.—Sacred Hearts—RE classes (Mrs. Demers and Mrs. Sullivan)

May 13 @ 10 a.m.—Sacred Hearts— (SHS-Mrs. Guthrie)

May 13 @ 1:30 p.m.—Sacred Hearts— (SHS-Miss Rachal)

May 14 @ 10:15 a.m.—St. Patrick's—Interested Families. Please let me know!

Arrival Time:

Please arrive to the Chapel with your child 30 minutes prior to Mass. After dropping off your child in the Chapel, please return to your family's pew.

Seating:

Each child and their family will have a pew reserved for them. Family members who do not fit in that pew can sit in any unmarked pew.

Photography/Videography:

Photography is not allowed during Mass. You may photograph or video your child's procession, but cameras must be turned off when Mass begins. At the end of Mass the children will assemble in front of the Altar for a group photo. After this time you may also take individual photos of your child. Father John and/or Father Ben will be available for photos with your child at this time, too.

Dress Code:

Girls: white dresses and shoes, stockings; veils are optional.

Boys: dress shirts and dress pants; blazers and ties are encouraged. Suits are optional.

I have a number of dresses and pairs of girls' shoes here at the office, as well as some boys' dress shirts. Please contact me if you might be interested in borrowing one of these items.

Reunion:

We invite all second-graders and their families to join us at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on May 21. After Mass we will celebrate their reception of the Blessed Sacrament with refreshments in the Church Hall. The children are invited to wear their First Communion outfits.