

Welcome to Sacramental Preparation:

In presenting your child for Baptism, you accepted the privilege and responsibility to bring him/her up in the practice of faith. By practicing forgiveness and reconciliation at home, and by your own participation in confession, you nurture the grace bestowed in Baptism, laying the foundation for your child's preparation for and participation in the ***Sacrament of Penance***. The Sacrament of penance absolves our sins and restores us to God's grace.

You began preparing your child for ***First Penance*** early on, by instilling values, a sense of right and wrong, and an understanding of the words "sorry", "apology" and "forgiveness". In the family, children learn through their experience of forgiveness that no matter what happens their parents and GOD still love them!

Some things parents can do to help their child on this journey:

- The most fundamental is regular participation in the Sunday Mass.
- Helping them learn relevant prayers (see attachment)
- Reading Stories from the Bible that deal with forgiveness and reconciliation (see attachment)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated Thursday April 29th, after the practice for First Holy Communion.

Dates to Remember:

Sunday March 7, 2027 - Parent Meeting 4:00 PM

Saturday April 24, 2027 - 1st Eucharist Retreat 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Thursday April 29, 2027 - 4:30 PM Practice for 1st Holy Communion; followed by 1st

Reconciliation 5:00 PM.

Sunday May 2, 2027 - Celebration of First Eucharist at 11:30 AM

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they 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

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

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen

Act of Contrition

My God,

I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong, and in 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.

Amen

Forgiveness stories in the Bible

Luke 23:34 Jesus asks God to forgive those crucifying him

Genesis 50: 15-24 Joseph forgives his brothers

Luke 15:11-24 the Prodigal Son

Matthew 18:21-35

Bienvenidos a la preparación sacramental:

Al presentar a su hijo en el bautismo, usted aceptó el privilegio y la responsabilidad de educarlo en la práctica de la fe. Al practicar el perdón y la reconciliación en el hogar, y mediante su propia participación en la confesión, usted nutre la gracia otorgada en el bautismo, sentando las bases para la preparación de su hijo para el sacramento de la

penitencia y su participación en él. El sacramento de la penitencia absuelve nuestros pecados y nos restaura a la gracia de Dios.

Usted comenzó a preparar a su hijo para la Primera Penitencia desde temprano, inculcándole valores, un sentido del bien y del mal, y una comprensión de las palabras “lo siento”, “disculpa” y “perdón”. En la familia, los niños aprenden a través de su experiencia de perdón que, sin importar lo que suceda, sus padres y DIOS todavía los aman.

Algunas cosas que los padres pueden hacer para ayudar a sus hijos en este camino:

- Lo más fundamental es la participación regular en la misa dominical.
- Ayudarlos a aprender oraciones relevantes (ver archivo adjunto)
- Leer historias de la Biblia que tratan sobre el perdón y la reconciliación (ver archivo adjunto)

El Sacramento de la Reconciliación se celebrará el jueves 29 de abril, después del ensayo para la Primera Comunión, que comienza a las 4:30.

Fechas para recordar:

Domingo 7 de marzo de 2027 - Reunión de padres, 16:00 h

Sábado 24 de abril de 2027 - Retiro de Primera Comunión, 9:00 h - 12:00 h

Jueves 29 de abril de 2027 - 16:30 h - Ensayo para la Primera Comunión; seguido de la Primera Reconciliación a las 17:00 h.

Domingo 2 de mayo de 2027 - Celebración de la Primera Eucaristía a las 11:30 h

Oraciones

El Padre Nuestro

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, Santificado sea tu nombre, venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase su voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día, y perdónanos nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del mal.

Amén

Ave María

Dios te salve, María, llena de gracia, el Señor es contigo. Bendita Tú eres entre todas las mujeres y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús. Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros los pecadores ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte.

Amén.

Gloria al Padre

Gloria al Padre y al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo. Como era en un principio, ahora y siempre, por los siglos de los siglos.

Amén.

Acto de contrición

Dios mío, me arrepiento de mis pecados con todo mi corazón. Al elegir hacer el mal y al no hacer el bien, he pecado contra ti, a quien debería amar sobre todas las cosas. Tengo la firme intención, con tu ayuda, de hacer penitencia, de no pecar más y de evitar todo lo que me lleve al pecado. Nuestro Salvador Jesucristo sufrió y murió por nosotros. En su nombre, Dios mío, ten piedad.

Amén

Historias de perdón en la Biblia

Lucas 23:34 Jesús pide a Dios que perdone a quienes lo crucificaron

Génesis 50: 15-24 José perdona a sus hermanos

Lucas 15:11-24 El hijo pródigo

Mateo 18:21-35



2026 – 27 Schedule:

Children Grades K – 5

Oct. 4, 18, 25
 Nov. 8, 15, 22
 Dec. 6, 13, 20
 Jan. 10, 24, 31
 Feb. 14, 21
 Mar. 7, 14
 Apr. 11, 18, 25

Middle/High School

Oct. 4, 25
 Nov. 8, 22
 Dec. 6, 20
 Jan. 10, 24
 Feb. 7, 21
 Mar. 7, 14
 Apr. 11, 25

Weather

PARISH INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

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Parents,

Last year, in addition to the curriculum books, we focused on prayer. Learning prayers and increasing prayer. We worked to help our children learn and truly know the **traditional prayers of our Catholic faith**. These familiar words are more than something to memorize; they form the foundation of a lifelong relationship with God.

At our children's Baptisms, we, the parents and godparents, were entrusted with the beautiful responsibility of being their first teachers in the ways of faith. Each time we pray with them, whether before meals, at bedtime, or in moments of joy or worry, we help them grow in love and confidence before the Lord.

Christian Formation, with its many obstacles, only meets 2 – 3 times a month. Which means the real work of learning and living the faith happens in **our homes and families**. By working together, we can strengthen our children's faith in lasting ways.

This year we will be incorporating "Do this in Remembrance of Me", a step by step walk through the mass by the National Eucharistic Revival, into the lessons. Helping children to understand what and why things are happening at Mass will enrich their faith abundantly. Here is the link so that you can familiarize yourselves with the content. <https://eucharisticrevival.org/step-by-step-walk-through-the-mass>. We may not be able to get through ALL of it during classes.

If you would like additional help or resources, please contact me!

Tami A. Mullin

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tami A. Mullin".

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Authentic Resources

Books

Catholic Church Teaching Reference:

- *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- *The Catechism of the Council of Trent*
- *The Baltimore Catechism*
 - Books 1-4; Tan Classics

Informative & Easy to Read:

- *Why We're Catholic* by Trent Horn
 - Can read cover-to-cover or use as a quick look-up
- *Rediscovering Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly
 - Easy and quick read
- *Catholicism* by Bishop Robert Barron
 - More theologically rich
- *Bible Basics for Catholics* by John Bergsma
 - Easy to read; great "stick figure" illustrations of the Covenants
- *Jesus of Israel: Finding Christ in the Old Testament* by Fr. Richard Veras

About the Early Church Fathers:

- *Four Witnesses: The Early Church in Her Own Words* by Rod Bennet
- *The Fathers Know Best* by Jimmy Akin

Diving into Typology:

Dr. Brant Pitre

- *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper*
- *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary: Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah*
- *The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ*

Dr. Scott Hahn

- *The Fourth Cup: Unveiling the Mystery of the Last Supper and the Cross*
- *Consuming the Word: The New Testament and the Eucharist in the Early Church*

Fun to Read:

- *The Screwtop Letters* by C.S. Lewis
 - Satire written from the perspective of a demon to understand how how demons operate
- *Rome Sweet Home* by Dr. Scott Hahn
 - Dr. Hahn's conversion story from Protestant Pastor to Catholic theologian
- *Stories about the Saints:*
 - *The Holy Souls: "Viva Padre Pio"* by Fr. Alessio Parente O.F.M. Cap
 - Details Saint Padre Pio's experiences with souls in Purgatory
 - *Fatima in Lucia's Own Words* edited by Fr. Louis Kondor, SVD
 - Blessed Lucia's memoirs regarding the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima
 - *Story of a Soul: Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux*
 - *Lives of the Saints: For Every Day in the Year* by Fr. Alban Butler

Good to Have When You Need Them:

- *Practical Theology: Spiritual Direction from Saint Thomas Aquinas: 350+ Ways Your Mind Can Help You Become a Saint* by Dr. Peter Kreeft
- *Deliverance Prayers: For Use by the Laity* by Fr. Chad Ripberger
- *Against Heresies* by Irenaeus of Lyons
- *Ignatius of Antioch: A New Translation and Theological Commentary* by Kenneth J. Howell
- *Confessions* by Saint Augustine
- *The Didache* (The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles; Rex Mundi publisher)
- *Catholic Doctrine in Scripture: A Guide to the Verses that are Key to Affirming the Faith* by Gregory Oatis

Podcasts/Videos

Subscribe Worthy:

- *Pints with Aquinas* (Matt Fradd)
- *Council of Trent* (Trent Horn)
- *Godsplaining* (Fr. Gregory Pine, et al.)
- *Capturing Catholicism* (Cameron Bertuzzi)
 - See his *Capturing Christianity* as well
- *Shameless Popery* (Joe Heshmeyer)
- *Ascension Presents*
- *Bishop Robert Barron*
- *St. Paul Center* (Dr. Scott Hahn, et al.)
- *Catholic Answers Live*

Noteworthy Episodes & Videos:

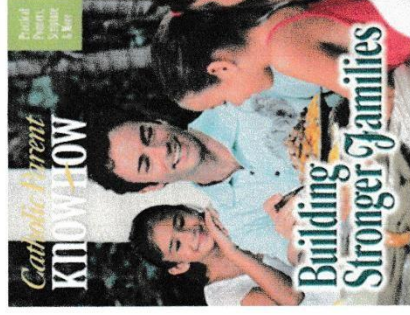
- "Catholic Mass 101: Learn Every Part of the Mass and What It Means (w/ Fr. Mike Schmitz)" by *Ascension Presents*
- "Every Scientifically Proven Eucharistic Miracle" by *Truthly*
- "Why Be Catholic and Not Just Christian" by *Truthly*
- "Indisputable Evidence the Shroud of Turin is Real" by *Truthly*
- "Which Path Will You Choose?" by *Bishop Barron*
- "The 5 Minute Case for Catholicism" by *Sean Hiller*
- "The Early Church was Catholic (Joe Heschmeyer) Ep. 333" by Matt Fradd
- "Yes, Jesus is God and You Should be Catholic (Dr. Brant Pitre) Ep. 561" by Matt Fradd
- "This ISN'T a Church According to St. Ignatius (Letter to the Trallians)" by *Capturing Catholicism*
- "#catholic #catholicism" by *AfterMass with Ana Munley* ("You don't get the final say...")

Catholic Answers Live:

- "Where is the Element of the Sacrifice of the Mass in the Bible?"
- "Does the Bible Say How We Should Worship God?"
- "Do Catholics Re-Crucify Jesus During Mass?"

Catholic Parent Know - How series from Our Sunday Visitor

We have copies parents can borrow to help with Forming their Child's Faith.



The Topics/issues we have in our library are:

Building Stronger Families

Morality

Bullying

Dollars and Sense

Virtue and Disciple

Living Faith

10 Things Your Child Should Know Before Leaving Home

Sacraments

Peer Pressure

Church

Church History

Scripture

The Revised Roman Missal

Preparing your child for Baptism - English/Spanish

Preparing your child for Confirmation

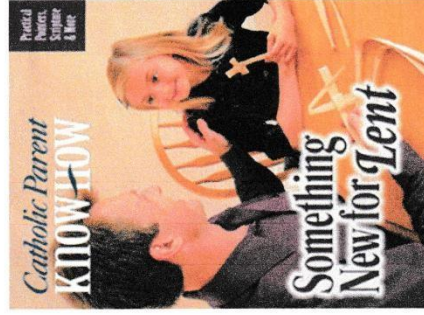
How to be a Confirmation Sponsor - English/Spanish

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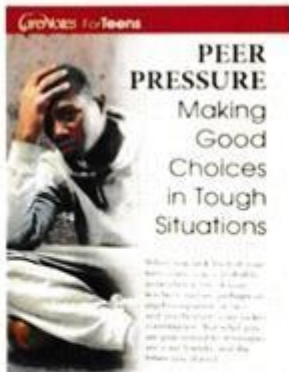
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When your Grandparent dies

When you feel rejected

College Life: Preparing for what's ahead

When your parent dies

Peer Pressure: Making good choices in tough situations

Dos and Don'ts on the internet

When you're having problems in school (with academics)

Divorce: when it's tearing you apart

