



December 2011

Dear Families,

St. Mary Parish is blessed with one hundred nine children receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion this year! You must be very proud as you help your children prepare for these special sacraments. Mary Beth Bonacci, our priests, and I have been planning for these special days in our parish life.

We believe that we can promote a peaceful and more meaningful experience for our families this year by holding four smaller First Reconciliation sessions instead of hearing all of the children's first confessions on the same day.

So, if you have had other children receiving First Reconciliation with us in former years, please read carefully because this will be a new and improved experience:

- First Reconciliation will be divided into sessions, based on the child's last name. Please follow this schedule in order to maintain a small group at each session. If your child's last name begins with:

A - C (or you're in RCIC), your session will be held on January 28, 2012

D - L, your session will be held on February 11, 2012

M - R, your session will be held on February 18, 2012

S - X, your session will be held on February 25, 2012

- Children receiving First Reconciliation, and their families, will attend the 8:15am Saturday morning Mass, and sit together in the front pews.
- Our morning together will begin with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, joining the other parishioners who attend the Saturday Masses.
- After Mass, the priest will speak to our families. Then, he will invite parents to take their children to the confession rooms in the back of the church where all -- children and adults -- will be invited to make their confessions.
- There will be no reception after the First Reconciliation celebration this year.

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