



First Reconciliation Preparation 2027 Schedule

All children and youth preparing for sacraments need a foundation in faith formation when coming to the sacraments. Parents will need to discern if their child is ready to begin preparation by prayerfully reviewing the questions below. After completing preparation, parents will join catechists and staff to determine readiness of their child to receive sacraments. Preparation for the sacraments is done *in addition* to ongoing faith formation appropriate to the grade level of the candidate for the sacrament. Parents **must** attend the Parent Sacramental Preparation session listed below, as well as ROCK (Raising Our Catholic Kids) sessions. ***YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE MUST BE RECEIVED FROM THE CHURCH OF RECORD, BY JANUARY 15TH***

1. **Register for and attend grade level Formation Gatherings:** Held monthly on designated Sundays beginning in September, see grade level formation schedule for dates.
2. **Register for First Reconciliation preparation:** After you have carefully considered the discernment questions and you feel your child is ready to begin preparing for the sacrament you may register.
3. **Attend the First Sacraments Parent Orientation:** At least one parent/guardian attend the **First Sacraments Parent Session**, on **Sunday January 31, 2027 at 3:00 pm** in the Commons, designed to help deepen the parent's understanding of the sacrament and prepare them for their role as primary teacher of the faith.
4. **Attend ROCK (Raising Our Catholic Kids)**, Sundays, concurrent with classes, 3:00-5:00pm, in the Commons. Preparation for First Sacraments is a commitment for parents and children, requiring time, effort and energy. These sessions provide a non-judgmental place to receive guidance, support and unconditional love, exactly what you want to give to your children.
5. **Complete homework before each sacramental preparation class.** Homework assignments are on the website under the "Sacraments" tab on the First Reconciliation and First Communion webpage.
6. **Bring your child to both preparation gatherings and Assessment:** Classes are Sundays, 3:00 – 5:00 pm in the Worship Space. Child **MUST bring their workbook** to each class.
January 31 – Class #1 **February 7 – Class #2**
7. **Discernment of readiness to receive First Reconciliation:** Through a series of assessment questions, parents and catechists will work together to determine your child's readiness to receive the sacrament using the following guidelines. Children need to:
 - Understand what sin is and the need for forgiveness.
 - Understand God's love and Jesus' example of forgiveness.
 - Understand the role of the sacrament in our relationship with God.
 - Know how to participate in the sacrament (knows the steps to engage in the sacrament).

Readiness assessments on February 21.

8. Reception of the sacrament: The sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Saturday, February 27.**

Note: Attendance at *both* classes is extremely important, *there are no make-up dates for missed classes*. The only excuse for missing class is illness or an emergency in the immediate family. Please notify Carole as soon as you know you will miss a class. Any missed work must be made up at home. If your child misses more than one class, we will assess your child's progress. You may be asked to postpone your child's receiving the sacrament until the following year.