

Dear Parents,

We are very close to the kids' First Reconciliation! We are so excited and proud of them☺ Couple of things, the **parent meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the back of St. Mary's!** Please bring your child with you to this meeting!! We are aware that there are other things happening that night as well, but it is just almost impossible to find a mutual time for everybody☺ Thank you in advance for making this work! **First Reconciliation is on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at St. Mary's!** We don't anticipate this going much over an hour, and there will be a gathering afterward in the back of church to celebrate with the kids☺

- We have been going over the Examination of Conscience, here is a wonderful analogy of examination of conscience for you to use at home:
- Examination of conscience: When we go to the doctor we have our body examined, if the doctor finds anything wrong with us they fix our body. When we examine our conscience we are thinking about our actions, were they good or bad? What do I need to do to fix spiritually so that my soul can stay pure?
- We have been practicing Reconciliation and the kids are doing great!! We focused especially on the concept of forgiveness, what it means to us as Catholics and how forgiveness and Reconciliation go hand in hand, God forgives us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- We also practiced our songs that the kids will be singing on the day of their First Reconciliation, this has been so fun for me and the kids!

We will be talking about how the kids should dress for First Reconciliation at the parent meeting, but we had a few kids ask during class. Nice clothes that they would wear to Sunday Mass is appropriate! Thank you for continuing to work with your child at home, we feel so blessed to live in a community where faith is valued! Having this religious education program is one of the things that makes our town what it is, and we are proud to be a part of it☺ We have attached the practice sheet again in this email. If anyone has questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with us!! Have a great weekend everyone, God bless you all!!

Christ in all that we do...

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