

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish
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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your commitment in the spiritual formation of your children. Be assured of my prayers for your children as they prepare for their 1st Reconciliation and their First Holy Communion.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Thursday, January 28th, 2021 @ St. Jane Church (Time: TBA)

Snow Date: February 11th, 2021 @ St. Jane Church (Time: TBA)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Date: TBA

SACRAMENT PARENT MEETINGS (Online this year):

1st Parent Virtual Session for 1st Reconciliation: Mr. Kimmel will send out a link in November to view online.

Msgr. Radocha will present the FIRST Parent Session for Reconciliation.
If you have attended Msgr. Radocha's session in the past you do not need to watch this FIRST session.

2nd Parent Virtual Session: Mr. Kimmel will send out a link in December to view online.

*The second parent session is for all parents, even if you have had children receive Reconciliation before.

1st Parent Virtual Session for 1st Holy Communion: Mr. Kimmel will send out a link in February to view online.

Msgr. Radocha will present the FIRST Parent Session for 1st Holy Communion.
If you have attended Msgr. Radocha's session in the past you do not need to watch this FIRST session.

COMMUNION VIRTUAL RETREAT - TBA

REHEARSAL FOR 1ST HOLY COMMUNION - TBA

ATTIRE FOR 1ST COMMUNION

- Girls are dressed in white dresses and veils (no gloves).
A white sweater or shrug is needed for spaghetti strap or strapless dresses.
- Boys are in suits or sport jackets and ties (any color).
- Children should not be carrying anything in their hands.
- No corsages on arms.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

1. When you come into the confessional, together with Father begin with the Sign of the Cross.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of Holy Spirit. Amen

2. Tell the priest how long it has been since your last confession.

It has been (*insert how long*) since my last confession.

***At 1st Reconciliation the students will say it is their first confession.**

You now confess your sins.

3. When you finish simply add:

I am sorry for all of my sins.

4. Father will then talk to you and give you penance which might be a prayer or some good deed.

5. After the penance, you say an **Act of Contrition**.

**O my God, I am heartily sorry
for having offended thee
and I detest all my sins
because of thy just punishments,
but most of all because they offend thee, my God,
who art all good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve, with the help of thy grace,
to sin no more and to avoid
the near occasions of sin. Amen.**

6. Father now forgives your sins. He says:

God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit Amen.

7. Father and you give praise to God.

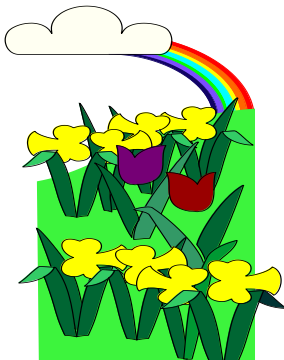
Father says: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

You say: **His mercy endures forever.**

8. Father will then tell you to **go in peace** and you say:

Thank you Father.

Smile



Enjoy
God's
Love

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

1. Did I disobey my parents?
2. Did I disobey my teachers at school?
3. Was I unkind to my friends or my family?
4. Did I ever mean to hurt anyone? Did I apologize to the person I hurt?
5. Did I try my best or was I lazy in what I had to do?
6. Do I always want things my own way?
7. Do I ever talk back to my parents?
8. Do I tell lies? At any time?
9. Do I blame others for my mistakes?
10. Do I call people names?
11. Do I make up “stories about other people”?
12. Do I ever take things that are not mine?
13. Was I angry? Do I make others angry – my parents, teachers, etc.?
14. Do I ever use God’s name in the wrong way?
15. Do I miss Mass on Sunday on purpose?
16. Do I take good care of myself by eating the right foods?
17. Do I ever fight with my brothers or sisters?
18. Do I break things on purpose?
19. Am I jealous of other people or things that they have?
20. Do I waste things that are given to me? Such as food, money, etc?
21. Am I selfish?
22. Do I say my prayers in the morning and at night?
23. Am I honest?
24. Have I damaged another’s property?
25. Have I been respectful to older people?
26. Do I cheat on tests in school?

Dear 1st Holy Communion Parents,

Thank you for your dedication to the spiritual formation of your children. Be assured of my prayers for you and your family as we draw closer to 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion.

On the next page is a template for writing a letter to your children receiving their 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion. Parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, etc. are welcome to each write a letter. The letter is meant to affirm your children in all areas of their life, especially their spirituality and selflessness to others. You can write a prayer for the children, their good deeds, how they are a child of God, etc.

Another option is to give the children a spiritual bouquet. Family members and friends can offer specific prayers for the children. The list of prayers can be collected and put together in a creative way.

Give the items to your children on the day of their 1st Communion and/or their 1st Reconciliation. I hope this will be a wonderful experience for the whole family. Do not return the letters to the religious education office or St. Jane School.

God bless,

Mr. Kevin Kimmel

Coordinator of Children's Religious Education

