

Requirements for Reception of First Penance

- 1) Child must be baptized. A copy of baptismal certificate must be on file in the religious education office. If you cannot find your child's baptismal certificate, please see Mary Catherine or Jo. If child was baptized at Our Lady of Sorrows, please let Mary Catherine or Jo know *in writing*.
- 2) Child must be in second grade or older, and have been in formal religious education for one year prior to this year. It could have been at another parish.
- 3) Child must attend Sunday liturgy regularly with parent or another adult.
- 4) Child must prepare with parent or another adult for reception of this sacrament. When preparation is complete and parent feels that child is ready, notify the office by returning the "completion letter".
- 5) A parent must call or email the religious education office to set up a scheduled time for his/her child's first penance. Parents and siblings are welcome and encouraged to receive the sacrament at that time too.

Remember; you know your child best. While we offer the catechesis for this sacrament before first Eucharist your child may receive the sacrament whenever you think he or she is ready.