

THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.
(Mt 22: 37-39)

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

(Adapted for children)

1. Make God the most important thing in your life.
2. Use God's name the proper way.
3. Make Sunday a day to worship God.
4. Love your parents and follow their rules.
5. Be kind to the people and animals God made.
6. Be respectful in the things you do with your body.
7. Take care of other people's things; don't take what belongs to someone else.
8. Tell the truth.
9. Keep your thoughts and words clean.
10. Be happy with the things you have.

6 STEPS TO CELEBRATING 1ST RECONCILIATION

1. Father welcomes you.
You make the sign of the cross, and say "Bless me Father for I have sinned".
2. You tell Father your sins.
(This is called your confession.)
3. Father will ask you to do something special.
(This is called your penance.)
4. Act of Contrition. (I am sorry prayer).
5. Father will give you God's forgiveness.
(This is called absolution.)
At the end you will answer; Amen.



PREPARING FOR 1ST RECONCILIATION 2011-2012



*Like the father of the prodigal son,
God is all forgiving.*

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*1st Reconciliation must be celebrated
before 1st Holy Communion.*

FALL SESSION 2011

† FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 5/6/7 †

You **MUST** bring a copy of your child's Baptism certificate to the Child & Parent Meeting.

Child & Parent Meeting

No phone registration required.
Attend meeting.

Date: Tuesday, October 11
Time: 7:00 – 8:15 pm

This meeting will prepare older children to celebrate their 1st Reconciliation prior to Advent.

Children will celebrate 1st Reconciliation on any Saturday prior to Advent, at the regular parish reconciliation time of 4:00 pm.

For children in grade 8 (or older), call the parish to make an appointment with a priest.

All celebrations are held in the church.

A contribution of \$10.00 is required per child for the books received.

SPRING SESSION 2012

† FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 2/3/4 †

You **MUST** bring a copy of your child's Baptism certificate to the Child & Parent Meeting.

Child & Parent Meeting

No phone registration required for Reconciliation BUT you must call the office and register for Holy Communion meetings and celebration dates.

Choose one of the meeting dates and attend.

Meeting Dates

Mon. February 6-----7-8:15 pm
Tues. February 7-----7-8:15 pm
Wed. February 8-----7-8:15 pm
Thurs. February 9-----7-8:15 pm
Sat. February 11-----1-2:15 pm

Children's Retreat Date

Sat.-March 10-----10 am-12 noon

Celebration

One evening is scheduled to Celebrate 1st Reconciliation
Wed. April 25-----7:00 pm

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I love you above all things.

I am truly sorry for all my sins
and I thank you for forgiving me.

Help me to stay close to you
and to remember always
your wonderful laws of love.

Forgive and you will be forgiven.



AMEN

*God's love is ever present and
growing in each one of us.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation
nourishes God's love in us.*