

First Penance Preparation

Purpose/Mission: The sacrament of Penance is often called the sacrament of conversion, of confession, of forgiveness, or of reconciliation. “Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God’s mercy for offenses committed against Him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labors for their conversion.”

Services Provided:

- * For youth, preparation for this liturgical sacrament begins in the second grade, usually accompanied with First Communion preparation.
- * Those that will receive their First Penance are instructed on the purpose, meaning, and necessity of receiving this sacrament throughout their lifetime.
- * Instruction is given on the elements of the celebration, and the expected interaction with the priest in the administration of the sacrament.
- * Arrangements are made as to time and place for the sacrament to be administered.

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