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FIRST CONFESSION

Next week, please God, I will welcome the children to the church to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Listed under is what to expect in the ceremony.

Our church is limited to having only 50 people so I ask parents/guardians only to accompany their child. I am aware that some children have other siblings and it is fine if only one parent can attend and the other stay home to take care of the rest of the family. All adults should wear a face covering while in the church.

Welcome.

P. Pray that God will give you peace and help to make a good confession.

P. Reflect on ways you have disconnected your relationship with God, yourself and others.

Examination of conscience for children (Fr. Bernard will talk to the children about what sin is and help them to remember their sins)

Prayer before Confession:

Dear Jesus, help me to make a good confession.

Help me to find out my sins,

Help me to be sorry for them,

Help me to make up my mind not to sin again.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, and forgive me.

Mary, My Mother, pray for me.

We will pray the Confiteor together:

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

One by one the children along with a parent/guardian will come to the altar and I will give them absolution from behind a screen. Each child will then return to their seat and we will pray the Act of Sorrow together:

O my God, I thank you for loving me,

I am sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving you.

Help me to live like Jesus and never sin again. Amen

Prayer after forgiveness:

O, my God thank you for forgiving me,

Help me to love others.

Help me to love as Jesus asked me to. Amen.

I will then give the final blessing.

Yours in Christ

Fr. Bernard Reyhart