

First Reconciliation

December 2017

Dear Parents,

Advent Greetings!

On Tuesday, December 12th at 7pm, your child will celebrate the gift of the Lord's mercy and peace for the first time through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please plan to arrive around 6:40pm or so and feel free to sit anywhere upon arrival, avoiding the very back. A program will be available to assist your family through the service-encourage singing and responding throughout the celebration. The attire for the evening will include Sunday's best.

Also, be sure to remember your child's unwrapped candle and hold onto it until it is time for their confession. At the start of confessions, parents and children will stand together in a chosen line in which a presider is present. Upon your son or daughter's turn, gently walk them up to Father and introduce them, saying something like, "Hi Fr. Terry, this is Caroline and this is her first confession." Then, take a few steps back to ensure privacy. Once absolution has been given, rejoin your child and walk to the sanctuary to light their candle. Return to your pew encouraging a silent prayer of thanksgiving. Parents are then welcome to get back in line to take part in the sacrament if they so choose.

Finally, be sure to join us in Fr. Mick Hall following First Reconciliation for a celebration of the bountiful gift of God's forgiveness during these beautiful Advent days.....

*God's Blessings,
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