

## First Penance Preparation Details



The Sacrament of Penance (also known as Confession or Reconciliation) is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven.

It is important for children to be well prepared before receiving this sacrament. Part of this preparation therefore must ensure that parents guiding their children have a clear understanding of the sacrament as well.

Diocesan Policy regarding sacramental preparation states that, "*parents requesting the sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation for their children will receive a minimum of six (6) hours of catechesis for each of these three sacraments for a total of 18 hours. Parents will be required to complete these 18 hours only once, but may choose to participate again.*" Preparation at the Parish of St. Timothy, therefore, involves parent and child both attending six 1 hour classes + penitential celebration.

Classes will take place at the Parish of St. Timothy on Thursday evenings from October 5<sup>th</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup>. All 6 classes are **mandatory** for your child to receive the sacrament. Each child and at least one parent must attend the First Penance preparation classes each week (barring serious family emergencies).

### **First Penance Parent Meeting – Thursday, September 28 – 6:30 – 7:30pm (children do not need to attend this meeting)**

Week 1 –Thursday, October 5 – 6:30 – 7:30pm

Week 2 –Thursday, October 19 – 6:30 – 7:30pm

Week 3 –Thursday, November 2 – 6:30 – 7:30pm

Week 4 –Thursday, November 16 – 6:30 – 7:30pm

Week 5 –Thursday, November 30 – 6:30 – 7:30pm

Week 6 –Thursday, December 14 – 6:30 – 7:30pm

**Penitential Celebration – Date & time to be confirmed ...**

**We pray that this will be a positive experience for parents  
& children to journey together!**