

# Sacrament Preparation

## Parent Meeting

When we presented our children to the Church for Baptism, we were reminded that we have the responsibility to bring our children up in the practice of the faith.

***“Parents: You will be the first teachers of your children in the ways of faith. May you be the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what you say and do.”***

*Rite of Baptism of Children 70, adapted*

The focus of the preparation process is not just “first” Reconciliation and “first” Eucharist but rather for a lifetime of receiving God’s healing grace and of being nourished at the table of the Lord.

### Elements of Sacramental Preparation

- Modeling
- Prayer
- Sacred Scripture
- Doctrine/Liturgy
- Life Experience

### Curriculum

There is a set of six lessons for each Sacrament. We will complete these lessons during the retreats. They will come home after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Retreat.

- Reinforce Scripture at home
  - Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37)
  - Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7) Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10)
  - Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)
  - Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)
  - Loaves and Fishes (Mark 6:30-44)
  - The Last Supper (Luke 22:14-20) (Mark 14:22-25)
- Prayers
  - Act of Contrition
  - Our Father
  - Hail Mary
  - Glory Be

## Schedule

- Parent/Child Retreats
  - Only one parent needs to attend-both are welcome
    - Reconciliation Retreats-October 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup>
    - Eucharist Retreats-February 12<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
  - Child must receive sacrament of Reconciliation **before** First Eucharist
    - January 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>
- Sacrament of Eucharist
  - Mandatory practice the Thursday prior to receiving First Eucharist
    - May 6/7-Practice is May 4<sup>th</sup>
    - May 13/14-Practice is May 11<sup>th</sup>
  - No dress code requirement