

Welcome Everyone,

Thank you for coming. My name is Mrs. Mari Laiosa. I will be your children's Religious Education teacher for the rest of their journey to their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. I am so grateful to God for this new mission and to Fr. Ron for offering me this role. I have been in this Parish for 10 years and I have been working in the parish office for 5 years. I love my Catholic Faith and can't wait to share it with your children.

Your child will have a rewarding experience as they come to realize the blessing's God has bestowed on them and as they strive to be the best-version of themselves. I am your partner in this effort to insure your child's success.

It is very important to bring your children to Mass. Your children will see you giving honor and glory to God and they will follow your example in their own lives. We encourage you to attend the 9am Family Mass on Sunday. Fr. Ron teaches in a very gentle way and blesses the children as they make this spiritual journey to receiving the Eucharist.

If you cannot make the 9 am Mass, our Mass schedule is as follows.

4pm on Saturday,

7:30 am, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm Sundays.

As we are preparing them for their First Reconciliation...

They will need to know the Act of Contrition by heart. Before you leave you will receive these notes with the Act of Contrition Prayer. Please have them practice it every day or night.

They will be working on examining their conscience as well. Before they go to bed please ask them to think about their day. What went right and what went wrong. What could they have done or not done to have made a situation better? This will lead them to be sorry for their sins and help them become better decision-makers.

Please remind them that Reconciliation is nothing to worry about. They are preparing to receive a hug from Our Lord Jesus.

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Your children's dates and times for their Reconciliation will be as follows:

Wednesday 3:15pm and 4:15pm classes	January 11th @ 9:45am
Thursday 3:15pm class	January 18th @ 11:45am
Thursday 4:15pm and 5:15pm classes	January 18th @ 1:15pm

After they make their First Reconciliation, your children will feel proud of themselves. It takes courage. And they did it. It will get easier for them if they continue to use this sacrament during their life and it will always bring joy. So please encourage this. It's our faith, and again it brings joy to our lives.

We will then begin First Holy Communion preparation. Our Parish has always made this Mass beautiful and uplifting. I am so looking forward to seeing your child experience their special day. Your children's dates and times for their First Holy Communion will be as follows...

First Holy Communion is May 2nd

10:30am Both Wednesday classes and Thursday 5:15pm class

1:00pm Thursday 3:15pm and 4:15 pm classes

May Procession is May 3rd at the 9am Mass