

1st Reconciliation – grade 2

All 2th grade students at St. Cecilia are invited to prepare for & receive the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation.

Parents are the primary witnesses for their children. Therefore, the parents are highly involved in our sacramental preparation programs.

Preparation Program Elements:

- **PARENT classes** - Sundays @ 9:35 am
- **PARENT/STUDENT classes** - Sundays @ 1:00 pm

NOTE: Students attending parochial school will receive their preparation at their school. However, they are welcome to join the parent / student instruction for the entire class, or join for the end of the classes, when we will be exploring the church buildings or practicing the elements of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- **FORMS** - complete & provide:
 - St. Cecilia Youth Catechetical Registration form (*1 per family per school year*)
 - Certified Baptismal Certificate (*from church your student was baptized at*)

All 2nd grade students, whether attending parochial, public, and home schools, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation together at St. Cecilia.

Schedule

Sun. Sept. 11 – 1:00 pm Parent only meeting.

Sunday	Parent Classes	Parent / Student Classes	Event
	9:35 am	1:00 pm	
Nov. 27	1	1	
Dec 4	2	2	
Dec 11	3	3	December 2022 Parish Penance Service
Dec. 18	4	4	
Dec. 25		<i>no class</i>	
Jan. 1		<i>no class</i>	
Jan. 8		5	
Jan. 15		6	
Jan. 22		7	
Jan. 29		1st Reconciliation 1 – 3:30 pm	

December 2022 - The family will attend the parish penance service, where the 2nd graders will watch their family and parish as they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sun., Jan. 29, 2023 @ 1 – 3:30 pm - The family & 2nd graders will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

1st Reconciliation - Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023

This is not a group service – just a reserved time for your family and your child to receive the Sacrament in a quiet, non-rushed atmosphere.

- Fr. Gibbons will remain in the confessional from 1 – 3:30 pm to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to the 2nd graders & their family.
- Each family will be scheduled for a ¼ hour time slot.
- You should arrive in time to pray and get settled.
- The parent(s) will receive the sacrament first.
- When the parents are finished, the 2nd grader may receive the sacrament.
- Older siblings can receive before or after the 2nd grader - at your discretion.
- After all your family members have received the sacrament, you may leave.

NOTE: If you feel it would be beneficial, after you receive the sacrament, you may introduce your child to Fr. Gibbons for his/her 1st Reconciliation, and then leave the confessional and wait in the pew. ex. “Hi Fr. Gibbons, this is my daughter, Sally, and she is here for her 1st Reconciliation.”

This will be a very solemn, yet relaxed event.

CELEBRATION – I recommend you do something special after to commemorate the event.

Reconciliation Dress Code

Men / Boys - Dark pants, dress shirt & tie (jacket - optional)

Women / Girls - Pants or dress / skirt (below the knee), shoulders covered, modest shoes