

*St. Mary of the Assumption Parish
First Reconciliation - Worksheet # 1
October 14 –November 1, 2020*

On Sunday, November 1, during the Noon Mass, children preparing for First Reconciliation will be called forth and blessed as they begin their preparation. Try your best – from then on - to bring your child to Church each Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Please bring your enrollment pledge (purple heart) to Mass on November 1.

During October:

- 1. Work on learning the Act of Contrition*
- 2. Review Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be*
- 3. Share stories about your child's Baptism – show him/her a picture, share why you chose his/her godparents and what you remember about the day. Remind your child that Baptism made him/her a child of God and a member of the Church. Have children color the picture of the infant Baptism. Leave it in the purple folder.*
- 4. Try to be conscious of taking opportunities that occur each day to help your child learn right from wrong. Be consistent, be firm, remember that you are the parent and not the friend, do not belittle your child, end difficult conversations with a hug, respect your child by listening to his/her point of view. Help your child feel safe and secure and confident. Children learn what they live, so you are who your child will become one day.*
- 5. Examination of conscience work – Take time daily at bedtime – or another time of day - to learn and to pray the Act of Contrition. At that time,*
 - Ask your child to tell you what made him/her happy today.*
 - What did they do today to help another person?*
 - Let him/her talk about a hard time they had today. What caused sadness, worry or tears.*
 - What did they do today that may have made another person sad?*
- 6. Read the Story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10). Jesus wanted to be a part of Zacchaeus' life and wants to be a part of our lives. Color the picture of Zacchaeus after talking about the story. Leave it in the purple folder.*

God trusted you to bring up His child. Ask Him for wisdom and patience and love!