

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish
First Reconciliation - Family Preparation Sheet # 2
November 29, 2020 – January 8, 2021

From November 29th through January 8th, please work on the following:

1. Pray the Act of Contrition, Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be with your child each day.
2. Continue “conscience formation” each evening. Help your child distinguish between mistakes, accidents and sins.
3. As your child is becoming sensitized as to how words and actions affect others, be attentive to giving your child opportunities to experience your forgiveness.
4. Help your child memorize the form for Reconciliation. Tell them that this helps them know what words to say when they start talking with the priest.
5. Acquaint your child with the five necessary steps. These are found on the prayer sheet in the purple folders as well as the parish website. They do not need to be memorized, but children need to know what each step means.
6. Read this Scripture Passage to your child: The Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7). After reading the story, please have him/her color the picture and place in the purple folder. Talk about the kindness of the shepherd and compare that to God’s attitude toward us when we go astray.
7. Spend time with your child talking about the meaning of Christmas. You may Google “You tube - The Beginners Bible – The Nativity” (26 min. 34 sec.).
8. If you don’t do so currently, begin praying the “Bless us O Lord” prayer before meals in your home.
9. Some questions for the examination of conscience: Do I pray every day? Do I go to Mass when an adult takes me? Do I tell lies? Do I listen to my parents and teachers? Am I kind to my brothers and sisters or am I mean in words and actions? Do I keep my promises? Do I do my homework and chores I am asked to do? Do I take things that do not belong to me? Do I damage property?
10. When you work with your child, please remember that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is about God’s mercy and forgiveness, not about punishment.

Thank you parents, for bringing up your children in the faith. You are true to the commitment you made at their Baptism. Please contact me at 683-8564 or theresec@stmarysonthehill.org with questions or concerns.