

## 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Reconciliation Teaching Schedule

**Attendance Policy:** For 2<sup>nd</sup> grade/2<sup>nd</sup> year Sacrament Preparation, no more than 2 absences are permitted per year.

If a student misses class due to illness, please have them contact Melissa or Rachel in the Children's Ministry Office.

Week of:	Chapter/Bible Verse	Objectives	Family Activities
<b>Week 1:</b> September 10-14	<b>Catechist-led Parent Meeting and Introductory Lesson</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get to know your Catechists</li> <li>• Receive your Bible and Prayer Book</li> <li>• Review Sacrament Handbook</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Search Worksheet</li> <li>• Explore Bible and Prayer Book</li> </ul>
<b>Week 2:</b> September 17-21	<b>Reconciliation, Ch 1 Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17, 3:1-24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To realize that God loves us very much and is always ready to forgive us.</li> <li>• To understand that Jesus give us the Sacrament of Reconciliation to bring us back to God</li> <li>• To reflect on and share times when we need to forgive and be forgiven</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit the Website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to read about the first sin of human beings. Click on the Bible tab at the top of the page. Then click on Genesis, then Chapter 3. Read and talk about the scripture passage.</li> <li>• As a family, look at pictures or other mementos of your Baptism. Together say a prayer of thanking God for his new life in you.</li> <li>• Together review the names of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation and Sacrament of reconciliation. Share a personal experience related to each one.</li> </ul>
<b>Week 3:</b> September 24-28	<b>Reconciliation, Ch 2 Luke 15: 11-24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To learn that God sent his Son to save us from sin.</li> <li>• To understand what it means to have contrition for our sins</li> <li>• To learn that God forgives sin and promises new life in Jesus.</li> <li>• To understand that our sins can be forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation</li> </ul> <p>To appreciate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a gift of God's life that makes us new again</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a family read together Luke 15: 1-10. In these Scripture verses that come just before the story of the forgiving father, Jesus uses two other stories to illustrate God's forgiveness. What are these stories? Discuss the connection among all these stories.</li> <li>• Together point one or two important Catholic teachings about forgiveness that you have</li> </ul>

			<p>learned from these two pages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do research online and select a saint to be the "patron saint of forgiveness" for your family. Post a picture and a short paragraph about the saint on the refrigerator or a bulletin board at home.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Week 4:</b> October 1-5</p>	<p><b>Reconciliation, Ch 3</b> <b>Mark 12:28-31</b> <b>John 13:34</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To understand that we can learn God's rules from the Bible</li> <li>To learn that Jesus came to show us how to follow God's rules</li> <li>To understand the difference between mortal and venial sin</li> <li>To realize that the Sacrament of Reconciliation can help us follow God's rules</li> <li>To understand that by keeping God's commandment of love we keep all the Commandments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a family talk about ways you can follow God's rules for life and love one another. Make a list together. Use the ten Commandments and Jesus' teachings as the basis for your list.</li> <li>As a family brainstorm ways to make the scriptures a greater part of your family life. List your ideas. Choose one idea and carry it out this week.</li> <li>Take time to have a family meeting about family rules. Take turns naming a family rule. Together discuss the reasons for these good rules.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Week 5:</b> October 8-12</p>	<p><b><i>VIRTUS</i></b></p>		
<p><b>Week 6:</b> October 15-19</p>	<p><b>Reconciliation, Ch 4</b> <b>Matthew 3:1-6, 13-17</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To understand what it means to repent</li> <li>To explain how the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a sacrament of <i>conversion</i></li> <li>To learn things we can do to help our conscience grow</li> <li>To make an examination of conscience</li> <li>To learn ways the Holy Spirit helps us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John the Baptist talked to people about preparing their lives for the Lord. Draw one way that you can prepare your life for the Lord by helping your family or other people. Discuss the picture as a family</li> <li>Have a family discussion about experiences of conversion in each of your lives.</li> <li>Brainstorm ways people in a family can show repentance to one another after arguments or hurts. Then try to make these a part of your family practices.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Week 7:</b> October 22-</p>	<p><b>Reconciliation, Ch 5</b> <b>Luke 7:36-40, 47-50</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To understand the connection between the Scripture story (woman who was a sorrowful sinner) and the Sacrament of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Together read Luke 7:36-50 from the Bible. Then answer the following questions: What story</li> </ul>

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<p><b>***No Class October 29-November 2***</b>  <i>All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation</i></p>			
<p><b>Week 8:</b> November 5-9</p>	<p><i>Reconciliation, Ch 6</i> <b>Luke 19:1-9</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To learn how Jesus saves us from sins that cause shame and guilt.</li> <li>• To discover the peace that we experience when we are given absolution.</li> <li>• To learn how the priest prays the words of absolution.</li> <li>• To discover that we are reconciled with God and all his people, the Church</li> <li>• To realize that we have to seek and work for peace.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk together about times when family members lost something necessary or precious. Was it found again? At the end of this story from the Gospel of Luke, Jesus says to Zacchaeus, "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:10) Talk about what Jesus means</li> <li>• Peace is something that families need to strive for too. Brainstorm ways that your family can have more peace and harmony with one another.</li> <li>• As a family, talk about the importance of "forgiving from the heart." (see Matthew 18:35) God forgives us, but we must also forgive one another.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reminder of Mandatory Reconciliation Learning Centers November 26-30</b></p>
<p><b>Week 9:</b> November 12-16</p>	<p><i>Reconciliation, Ch 7</i> <b>Luke 15: 1-7</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To understand that Jesus loves us even when we sin and rejoices when we come back to him.</li> <li>• To learn more about the gifts of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Together write a family prayer to Jesus, the Good Shepherd. You might wish to read John 10:11-18 together before you begin. In this passage, Jesus explains that he gives his life for us, his</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To review the gifts we receive in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.</li> <li>• To learn that the Sacrament of Reconciliation ends with Scripture verses that praise and thank God.</li> <li>• To understand that Jesus will be our Shepherd and will never stop loving us.</li> </ul>	<p>sheep.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Sacrament of Reconciliation has so many wonderful gifts for us! Talk about each gift below.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ours sins are forgiven</li> <li>• We are given God's own life, grace. We rise with Jesus to new life.</li> <li>• We grow closer to God and to all God's people, the church</li> <li>• We are given pardon and peace-with God, with ourselves, with others</li> <li>• We are given a peaceful conscience</li> <li>• We are given grace and strength to avoid sin and lives as a Christian</li> <li>• We are able to repair some of the harm to our relationships caused by our sin</li> <li>• We are helped to stay in friendship with God in this life so that we will be happy with him forever in Heaven</li> <li>• We are saved, if we've confessed a mortal sin, from being separated from God forever after we die</li> <li>• We are more ready than ever to follow Jesus!</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discuss as a family the need to not judge others who have sinned. Jesus did not judge sinners. He gave them a chance to repent and to be forgiven.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reminder of Mandatory Reconciliation Learning Centers November 26-30</b></p>
<p><b>**No classes November 19-23**</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Break</b></p>			

<b>** November 26-30 Reconciliation Learning Centers **</b> <b>Classes resume Dec 3</b>			
<b>Week 10:</b> December 3-7	<b>Reconciliation, Ch 8</b> <b>John 14:23-27</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To understand why Jesus keeps calling us to conversion.</li> <li>● To become familiar with the dismissal from the Sacrament of Penance.</li> <li>● To understand why we are called "Easter people"</li> <li>● To discover ways we share in the new life of Jesus.</li> <li>● To learn that Jesus calls us to follow him each day, one step at a time.</li> <li>● To realize that the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation can help us to follow Jesus more closely.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Together discuss what makes you worried or afraid. Then respond to the following question: During time when you are troubled or afraid, what are some ways to seek Jesus' help and the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Pray together the "Prayer to the Holy Spirit"</li> <li>● Play "Name that Disciple" as a family. Take turns writing down each family member's strengths on a slip of paper. Put the slips of paper in a box or a bag labeled "Disciples of Jesus." Have each family member draw a slip and read it aloud as the others try to "name that disciple," the family member described on the slip.</li> <li>● Pray Saint Francis's peace prayer together.</li> </ul>
<b>Week 11:</b> December 10-14 <b>**No Class</b> <b>Dec 12**</b>	<b>Reconciliation review</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Review.</li> </ul>	
<b>**No classes December 17-January 4**</b> <b>Classes resume Jan 7</b> <b>***First Reconciliation Services January 4 &amp; 5 in the Church. Please refer to your class assignment (sent in October) for your assigned day***</b>			

**Steps for your First Reconciliation**

1. Make the Sign of the Cross and pray "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen"
2. Say "Forgive me Father, for I have sinned. This is my first Reconciliation. These are my sins." (Tell the priest your sins.)
3. Listen quietly while the priest gives you absolution.
4. After your Reconciliation, complete the penance that the priest gives you.

**Act of Contrition**

**My God,**

**I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.**

**In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,**

**I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.**

**I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more,**

**and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.**

**Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.**

**In his name, my God, have mercy.**