

First Penance Policies 2023

- Second grade students preparing for the Sacrament of First Penance must attend a Sunday Mass (or Saturday Vigil Mass) each week, and their Family Faith Formation class every other week.
- Please review the Penance and First Communion Schedule and mark all mandatory meeting dates on your calendar. To prepare for Penance, children and at least one parent/guardian must attend two Sunday afternoon meetings: November 12, 2023 and January 21, 2024.
- Your child's **baptismal certificate** must be provided to the Family Faith Formation office NLT **Friday, November 10, 2023**.
- Church attire should be worn by your child for all Sunday masses, meetings and sacramental events. We prefer a collared shirt and dress pants for boys and for the girls: dress pants, skirts or dresses. Ties and sports coats are not required. Please, no jeans, t-shirts, or sweat pants.
- The First Penance Ceremony starts with a formal service that runs for approximately 20 minutes. It includes a Scripture reading and a homily. The length of time you and your family will be at church depends on when your child concludes their individual confession. Since several visiting priests will be available, you and your family are encouraged to participate in the sacrament of Penance that day as well.
- **First Penance will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 10:30am. Please arrive no later than 10:15am.**

If you have any questions, please contact (703) 494-4008,

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