

MEMORANDUM

The Children's First Sacrament of Reconciliation, 2013
Our Lady of Light

Hi Parents,

Here is your "need to know" for our Reconciliation service, November 13th, 6pm:

- Your child needs to have memorized the following prayers: Hail Mary, Lord's Prayer (Our Father), Glory Be, Act of Contrition
- Consider bringing your child's holy water bottle. Part of the service will be to bless your child and it will be an excellent time to refill their bottle in the font together as a family.
- Students should wear Sunday best please, no flipflops, cut off jeans, sweatshirts/suits, tank tops, or shorts.
- We will begin at 6pm or as soon as everyone is there, so please be seated in the church and ready to go by 6pm. We'll be done by 7:30, maybe sooner.
- Parents will be welcome and encouraged to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation that night.
- Enter thru the side Narthex (the one by the overhang and the Chapel) if you can, but we will have greeters at all of the doors.

And so you are familiar with the format, after our communal Examination of Conscience (I will be reading this from the ambo):

- Students separate from parents to do their sacrament with the priest
- After they confess and do their prayed penance they return to you the parent
- Together you go to one of the blessing stations. Your child tosses their stone back into the basket and bless your child. (prayer will be there for you)
- Return to your seats to pray THE ROSARY quietly together. Rosaries will be available if you forget yours.
- Parents can go to confession after you see all of the kids are finished
- After everyone is finished we will close together in prayer, so don't leave right away.

I will be there to walk you through everything, so enjoy the night.

Remember, you are your child's first Catechist--first Teacher-- and the Sacrament night will hopefully be a great testament to your work with them.

Blessings,
Lori