

Discussion questions for 1st Reconciliation Workshop

Dear Parents,

At the 1st Reconciliation workshop on **January 20, 2018** (9:30am-11am at St. Joseph's) a religious education volunteer, the religious education coordinator or a priest, will go over follow seven items. To empower you, the parent, it will be your task to prepare your son or daughter to answer these seven below listed items/questions. In different ways, this material will be covered during Faith Formation sessions, but in it important that you go over these questions with your child numerous times before the January 20, 2018 workshop.

The below page numbers refer to pages in the large 2nd grade textbook as to where the answers can be found for the questions with the exception of those with a * after the page number. Those with a * refer to pages in the small blue First Communion Catechism your child has received. I encourage you to go through this small book with your son or daughter during the course of the year.

In Christ,
Fr. John Drees

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1. Your son or daughter will be asked to following prayers: The Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory be, and an Act of Contrition. (pages 10-16)
 2. What is sin? What is the different between a sin and a mistake? (page 71)
 3. What is the different between a mortal sin and a venial sin? (pages 23-26*)
 4. What is an examination of conscience? (page 265)
 5. What does contrition for sin mean? (page 101)
 6. What are some effects of the sacrament of Confession (page 41*)
 7. After confessing your sins to Jesus through the priest, the priest will give you a penance? What is the purpose of the penance? (page 100)