

**2017 ST. JAMES FIRST PENANCE PREPARATION
CLASS/PARENT MEETING SCHEDULE AND CURRICULUM GUIDE**

(All classes/meetings are held Sunday's 10:40am – 11:20am unless otherwise indicated)

PARENTS PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOUR STUDENT IS UNABLE TO ATTEND CLASS 729-6147 EXT. 320

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLASS THEME / PAGE</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
9/17	First Class- Children will come home with their "The Gift of Reconciliation" book and folder today. <i>(PLEASE NOTE: From this point on the assigned chapter should be completed at home prior to class)</i>	
9/24	ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS MEET IN OWENS HALL (basement of Church) Chapter 1- THE GIFT OF GOD'S LOVE	1
10/1	Chapter 2 – THE GIFT OF JESUS	11
10/8	NO CLASS – OFF FOR COLUMBUS DAY	
10/15	Chapter 3 – RESPONDING TO THE GIFT	21
10/22	Chapter 4 – THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS *1st Time Parents Meet in the McDevitt Room (basement of Rectory) during Class Time. (students will not attend the meeting- they will be in class) Children are introduced to the format for Confession and readings are assigned for the First Penance Service	31
10/29	Chapter 5- CELEBRATING THE GIFT	41
11/4	SATURDAY: 10:00a.m.-12 noon- Workshop/Rehearsal in Church (students only) Students do not need their folder or books. They will: visit Reconciliation Rooms, practice readings, and participate in other activities 12:00 noon- Family Luncheon in Owens Hall (Luncheon is optional. Parents & siblings are invited)	
11/5	NO CLASS for First Penance Students	
11/11	SATURDAY 9:30a.m. FIRST PENANCE SERVICE in the Church	
11/12	NO CLASS for First Penance Students	
11/19	Circle of Care Class	
11/26	NO CLASS- OFF FOR THANKSGIVING	
12/3	No Class for grades 1-6 so that these families can attend our Breakfast with St. Nick.	
12/10	**Class	
12/17	**Class	
12/24	NO CLASS- OFF FOR CHRISTMAS	
12/31	NO CLASS- OFF FOR NEW YEAR'S	

*1st Time Parents are expected to attend- those parents who have had a child in our First Penance Program in the past 2 years do not have to attend these meetings...but you are always welcome!

**It is not mandatory for Catholic School Students to attend these classes.

**WEATHER-RELATED CLASS CANCELLATIONS WILL BE POSTED ON THE PARISH WEBSITE;
www.stjamesjc.org OR CALL 729-6147 EXT. 320**