

**2016 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>
9/18	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>	
9/25	ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS MEET IN OWENS HALL (basement of Church) Chapter 1- THE GIFT OF GOD'S LOVE	1
10/2	Chapter 2 – THE GIFT OF JESUS	11
10/9	NO CLASS – OFF FOR COLUMBUS DAY	
10/16	Chapter 3 – RESPONDING TO THE GIFT	21
10/23	Chapter 4 – THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS *1st Time Parents Meet in the McDevitt Room (basement of Rectory) during Class Time Children are introduced to the format for Confession and readings are assigned for the First Penance Service	31
10/30	Chapter 5- CELEBRATING THE GIFT	41
11/5	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)	
11/6	NO CLASS for First Penance Students	
11/12	SATURDAY 9:30a.m. FIRST PENANCE SERVICE in the Church	
11/13	NO CLASS for First Penance Students	
11/20	**Class	
11/27	NO CLASS- OFF FOR THANKSGIVING	
12/4	**Class	
12/11	**Class	
12/18	**Class	
12/25	NO CLASS- OFF FOR CHRISTMAS	

*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**