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To the Parents of the First Communion Class,

The children of the First communion class are preparing for their First Penance – Confession. The church teaches that they are to receive the Sacrament of Penance before they receive their Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

In addition to Miss Regina's assistance in preparing your child, Fr. Thien will be instructing him/her during two of their classes in February. He will coach the necessary skills needed to make a good confession and familiarize the students with Saint Theresa's confessional.

*The date for First Confession is Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am.* Please be sure to mark this date in your calendar and have your child meet in the Chapel shortly before 10:00am for the celebration of Penance.

It is essential that you help your child prepare for the sacraments by ensuring he/she attends *each* of the remaining Sunday classroom sessions as well as weekly Mass. You can also assist by gently reminding your child of some of the actions that they have done that need God's help to correct. Use the 10 Commandments as a good guide. Your child is welcome to bring the folded sheet "How to go to Confession" and the "Act of Contrition" into the confessional with them. Please do everything possible to make this a great celebration of the forgiveness of sin.

If your child was not baptized here at Saint Theresa's, a copy of their Baptism record must be on file in order for them to make their Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion.

Future letters will be sent to you concerning the First Communion parent meeting date and time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at either at the Religious Education office or my cell phone.

Sincerely,

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