

St. Bernard Catholic Parish

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Dear Parents & Guardians of Grade Two students:

Greetings!

As you are no doubt aware your child will soon be having his or her first reconciliation.

While the occasion of first reconciliation can create some anxiety in children, it is important that they experience their reconciliation as a celebration of God's unconditional forgiveness and therefore positively.

To this end, the teachers and I **request your attendance** at your child's first reconciliation.

While your child's confession itself is private, parents/guardians are encouraged to bring their child forward during the service and introduce him or her to the priest. This, along with your presence at the event, helps to make the experience a true celebration.

The dates for the parish schools are as follows:

St. Thomas More in the library Tues Dec 8 at 10:15 AM

St. Bernard school in the church Weds Dec 9 at 10 AM

St. Marguerite D'Youville in the library Thurs Dec 10 at 10:15 AM

Please mark your calendar. The reconciliation will begin with a brief prayer service and will last about one hour.

Looking forward to seeing you in early December!

May God bless you and your family during this important step in your child's religious formation.

Fr. John Whyte, Pastor
St. Bernard Parish