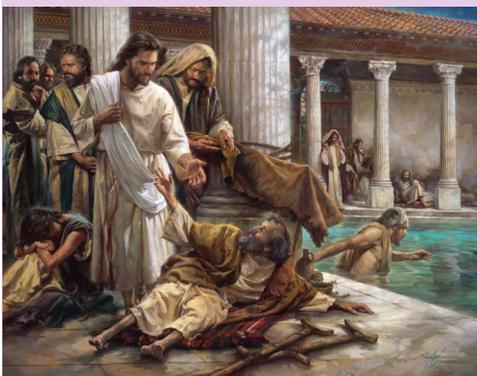


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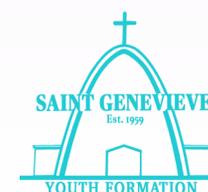
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## Sacrament of Reconciliation



*"Whose sins you forgive are  
forgiven them, and whose sins  
you retain are retained."*

*– John 20: 23*





## How are Sins Forgiven?

- “The Creed links **“the forgiveness of sins”** with its profession of faith in the **Holy Spirit**, for the risen Christ entrusted to the apostles the **power to forgive sins** when he gave them the **Holy Spirit.**” (CCC 984)
- **“Baptism** is the first and chief sacrament of **the forgiveness of sins**: it unites us to Christ, who died and rose, and gives us the **Holy Spirit.**” (CCC 985)
- “By **Christ’s will**, the Church possesses **the power to forgive** the sins of the baptized and exercises it through bishops and priests normally in the **sacrament of Penance.**” (CCC 986).

## What is Reconciliation?

“On the evening of that day, the first day of the week,” Jesus showed himself to his apostles. “He breathed on them, and said to them: **‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained’**” (Jn 20: 19, 22-23).

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- Consists of three actions of the penitent (repentance/contrition, confession of sins to a priest, and the intention to make reparation for sins) and the priest’s absolution;
- Remains the only ordinary means of reconciliation with God and with the church;
- And includes the following spiritual effects:
  - ◇ Recovery of grace
  - ◇ Reconciliation with the Church
  - ◇ Remission of eternal punishment incurred by mortal sin
  - ◇ Partial remission of temporal punishment from sin
  - ◇ Peace and serenity of conscience and spiritual consolation
  - ◇ Increase of spiritual strength. (CCC 1491-92, 1496-7)

## Youth Formation Structure

What will the new structure look like?

### Small Groups/Sacrament Prep

- **September—April (2nd Grade)**
- **Sunday Morning**
- Connect through community
- Walk with trusted adults
- Opportunities to encounter Christ
- Intentional faith instruction
- Peer accountability
- Faith sharing
- Praying for each other at Mass
- Content-specific teachings
- Spiritual application
- Sacrament preparation

### Optional Faith Experiences

- **Advent & Lent One-Day Bible Camps**  
1st - 5th Grade  
(Saturday/Fall & Spring)
- **1st Reconciliation Retreat**  
2nd Grade/Parents  
(Saturday/Half-Day)
- **Summer Camp**  
Grades Pre-K—5th  
(1 week, half-days)



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