

My Reconciliation Book

This book belongs to

_____ (Name)

who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation
for the first time on

_____ (Date)

at

_____ (Name of Parish)

*"The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."*

Psalm 103:8



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

We usually celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in one of two ways.

We can celebrate with the priest and others in a communal celebration.

The order for the communal celebration is found on pages 6–17 of this booklet.



We can celebrate individually with the priest.

The order for the individual celebration is found on pages 18–24 of this booklet.



Examination of Conscience

You prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation by thinking about how you keep God's commandments and Jesus' law of love.

You ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you think about these questions:

- Did I show my love for God and others in some way?
- Was I kind to those around me?
- Did I use God's name with respect?



- Did I say my daily prayers?
- Did I always obey my parents?
- Did I care for my own and others' things?
- Was I fair in the way that I played and worked with others?
- Did I share my own things and avoid taking what belongs to someone else?

Then you pray for the Holy Spirit's help in making a new start.



Communal Celebration with Individual Confession and Absolution

Introductory Rites

Song

We sing or say a hymn or psalm.

Greeting

The priest greets us in God's name.

Priest: Grace to you and peace from
God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: And also with you.



Opening Prayer

The priest invites us to pray.

Priest: Brothers and sisters, God calls us to conversion; let us therefore ask him for the grace of sincere repentance.

We pray in silence.

Priest: Lord... We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

