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Dear parents of second grade children,

As your child prepares to receive First Penance and First Holy Communion, I wanted to make sure you knew that sacrament preparation is a separate track from the regular faith formation your child receives as well as share with you some important dates.

The ordinary way for a child to receive First Penance and First Holy Communion at Archangel Gabriel Parish is for a child (ages 7-12) to continue to receive regular faith formation (Faith Formation, Archangel Gabriel School, or homeschooling) **and** participate in the sacrament preparation sessions with a parent/guardian. For your planning purposes, you will find the dates for the parent meeting (for parents only) and sessions (for child and parent) listed below:

<b>Tuesday, January 12, 2021</b>	<b>Parent Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 2, 2021</b>	<b>First Penance Session One</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 9, 2021</b>	<b>First Penance Session Two</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 16, 2021</b>	<b>First Penance Session Three</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 16, 2021</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Session One</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 23, 2021</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Session Two</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 30, 2021</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Session Three</b>

All events will begin at 6:30 PM and last approximately 60 minutes. **Additionally, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all events will be conducted via Zoom.** The Meeting ID is 898 1468 1518 and the Passcode is "Jesus". A meeting invite will be sent, via Flocknote, prior to all events.

You probably have a lot of questions; please know that specific information will be shared at the parent meeting. In the meantime, if you have an urgent concern, please feel free to email me at [sswank@archangelgabrielparish.org](mailto:sswank@archangelgabrielparish.org). Know of my prayers for you and your family as you journey with your child through this important year.

Respectfully,

Steve Swank  
Coordinator of Faith Formation, pro tem