

January 22, 2021

Dear Parents,

“O felix culpa” observed St. Augustine, “that did deserve such and so great a Redeemer.” And why so great a Redeemer? Because He gave us His church which is our primary source of grace through the sacraments. O felix culpa indeed!!

We have, of course, the Blessed Sacrament, first and foremost, but the other six intended, as well, to draw us closer to Him and the Father with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Consequently, it is the sacraments that make up the body of all religious education instruction in preparation and reception for these incredible gifts that come to us ONLY through the Catholic Church.

The Faith Formation program here at San Ysidro Parish dedicates the first half of the catechetical year preparing the children for their respective sacrament and then traditionally follows the second half of the year with the sacramental rite of reception.

We begin this tradition every year on the second Saturday of February with the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our second-graders. On that day our Pastor, Fr. McGowan, gently explains (to dispel all anxiety) the meaning and lasting importance of this great sacrament, and then with much tenderness, covers the new penitents with Christ’s mercy and love in hearing their First Confession.

Our schedule for 2021 is as follows:

2/13/21 First Confession: 2 Penitents

5/2/21 First Communion: 7 Communicants

5/12/21 Confirmation: 7 Confirmandi

All students will be duly notified of date, time and location for the above dates.

In conclusion, I ask that you begin praying in earnest, not only for the 16 aforementioned, but for all our children currently enrolled. In our never-ending work of converting the world, it is our fondest hope that one day they will hand-on this transforming gift of Grace to your grandchildren.

Sincerely in Christ,

Ken Cantwell, DRE