

THE RITE OF RECONCILIATION

When it is your turn, go sit with the priest:

GREETING

You make the Sign of the Cross as the priest says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

You say: *Amen.*

CONFESSION

You say: *Bless me Father for I have sinned. This is my first reconciliation. My sins are _____.*

PENANCE

The priest gives you a **penance**. This will be a prayer like the Hail Mary or the Our Father; or may be an action to help show you feel sorry.

CONTRITION

At your 1st Reconciliation prayer service, we will pray the Act of Contrition as a large group before individual confessions begin.

ABSOLUTION

The Priest will say the **Prayer of Absolution**.

You make the Sign of the Cross and say: *Amen.*

Then, the Priest will say: *Go in peace.*

You say: *Thank you, Father.*

ACT OF PENANCE

When you leave the priest, return to your pew and **pray your penance**.