PROCEDURES FOR CONFESSION:

ENTER CHURCH QUIETLY, GENUFLECT BEFORE GOING INTO PEW. FACE ALTAR WHEN GENUFLECTING.

**THERE WILL BE SEVERAL PRIESTS HEARING CONFESSIONS**

 **FR. FERREIRA WILL GIVE A CHILDREN’S EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE. EVERYONE WILL SAY THE ACT OF CONTRITION TOGETHER. PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO SPEAK OUT SO FR. FERREIRA CAN HEAR THEM.**

**ACT OF CONTRITION:**

**My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen**

**PROCEDURE FOR CONFESSION: Make the sign of the cross. Then say: “BLESS ME FATHER FOR I HAVE SINNED, THIS IS MY FIRST CONFESSION. THESE ARE MY SINS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**The Priest says a prayer over the child and absolves them of their sins. The prayer will end with the Priest saying “I absolve you of your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Child makes the sign of the cross on themselves as Father blesses them. (PLEASE BE SURE TO STAY KNEELING UNTIL FR. BLESSES YOU)**

**The child’s penance will be said kneeling at the altar.**

**Children may leave after they receive confession. First Penance certificates will be given out as they leave.**