

“Is our/my child ready to receive the sacrament? How do we know?”

“Some Criteria to Discern the Child’s Readiness”

ON THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Children show readiness to celebrate the sacrament when:

- 1. They know the difference between right and wrong**
- 2. They know the difference between sin and accidents or mistakes**
- 3. They are capable of saying, “I am sorry” on their own**
- 4. They are capable of reflecting on their actions when asked about them**
- 5. They understand that God will always forgive them**
- 6. They show a sincere desire to right wrongs**
- 7. They have the desire to celebrate the sacrament**
- 8. Prayer is a part of their daily life**
- 9. They and some family members regularly attend Sunday Eucharist**