

**Our Lady of Grace**  
**Sacrament Preparation**  
**2017-2018**

Welcome to Our Lady of Grace Sacrament Preparation Program! This is an exciting time for your family. During the next several months, your family will be preparing for your child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Penance) and Eucharist (Communion). Please take a few moments to read the following information:

**What is it?** The program is final preparation for students, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and above, for the reception of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Preparation is done through family gatherings and attendance in the parish school or weekly Faith Formation classes.

**Who may participate?** The Sacrament Preparation Program is for student who are entering at least the second year of religious education, in either Faith Formation or parish school. Students must have good attendance during the previous year and have a good understanding of the material that was covered.

**When and where does it take place?** The gatherings take place in Stack Center after attending the 9:30 a.m. Mass or before attending the 1:15 p.m. Mass, according to the Sacrament Preparation schedule. Mass attendance at OLG on the day of the gathering is part of the preparation.

Please make a note of the gathering dates. These are the only gatherings offered this year for this important Sacramental Preparation. They are required. If, for some reason, a parent/guardian cannot attend (due to work or illness), please make arrangements for another family member or family friend to attend, as students need to attend all of the gatherings. If the student is ill on a Sunday gathering day, please contact the Evangelization Outreach Office (510-582-9266, [ffc@olgcv.org](mailto:ffc@olgcv.org)) and leave a message. This is a good number for school families, too.

Once again, WELCOME! We look forward to working with your family this year!