

First Reconciliation

Preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (also known as Penance) is a time for focus on God's mercy, how we forgive among our family, friends, and community, and how we celebrate forgiveness. Children of the parish who are in second grade or up are invited to begin the formal preparation to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In order to register for this preparation, the child should meet the guidelines listed below.

Preparation for Reconciliation is set up for parents and children to prepare mostly at home using a workbook since it is the home where each child's faith is most cultivated. The workbook has six lessons which will guide families through familiar Bible stories, offer discussion points, and suggest activities for you and your child while on this journey. In order to support parents during this time, the parish offers two meetings for both parents and children.

Of vital importance to a child's preparation is the family's participation at Mass on a weekly basis. The Mass is a revelation and the greatest expression of the Catholic faith. It is here that the preparation for this Sacrament comes alive. It is where as a community we offer as a sacrifice our successes and failures and where God accepts them with great joy guiding us to a deeper relationship with Him.

Guidelines to start preparation:

- Child must be in second grade or up.
- Child should have regularly attended Religious Education classes the year prior to preparation and be attending regularly the year they prepare for this sacrament.
- If a child was not baptized or baptized in another faith tradition, parent must contact the Parish office before the start of preparation.

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
SEPTEMBER 2017			
5-Sep	Sacramental Prep: Reconciliation Meeting #1	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Church of the Resurrection
OCTOBER 2017			
3-Oct	Sacramental Prep: Reconciliation Meeting #2	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Church of the Resurrection
NOVEMBER 2017			
1-Nov	All Saints Day Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)		
7-Nov	Sacramental Prep: Reconciliation Interviews	5:15 - 6:45 PM	Church Social Space
DECEMBER 2017			
5-Dec	Sacrament: First Reconciliation	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Church of the Resurrection
8-Dec	Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)		

First Eucharist

Preparing to receive Jesus through the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time is an exciting time. It is a time for focus on Jesus, faith, and family. Children of the parish who are in second grade and up are invited to begin the formal preparation to receive their First Eucharist. In order to register for First Eucharist, the child should meet the guidelines listed below.

Preparation for Eucharist is set up similarly to that of our preparation for Reconciliation. Parents and children prepare mostly at home using a workbook since it is the home where each child's faith is most cultivated. The workbook has eight lessons which will guide families through familiar bible stories, offer discussion points, and suggest activities for you and your child while on this journey. In order to support parents during this time, the parish offers two meetings for both parents and children.

Of vital importance to a child's preparation is the family's participation at Mass on a weekly basis. The Mass is a revelation and the greatest expression of the Catholic faith. It is here that the preparation for this sacrament comes alive.

Guidelines to start preparation

- Child must be in second grade or up.
- Child should have regularly attended Religious Education classes the year prior to preparation and be attending regularly the year they prepare for this sacrament.
- Child must have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- The Church of the Resurrection must have on file a copy of the baptismal certificate of each child preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist before completion of the preparation. If a family no longer has a copy of the child's original certificate, the parish of baptism can be directly contacted to request a copy (note that most churches require a few weeks' notice).

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
JANUARY 2018			
9-Jan	Sacramental Prep: Eucharist Meeting #1	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Church of the Resurrection
FEBRUARY 2018			
6-Feb	Sacramental Prep: Eucharist Meeting #2	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Church of the Resurrection
14-Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass		
MARCH 2018			
March 5 or 6	Sacramental Prep: Eucharist Interviews	3:30-5PM & 6:30-7PM	Church Social Space
7-Mar	Communal Reconciliation	6:30 - 7:45 PM	Church of the Resurrection
APRIL 2018			
14-Apr	Sacramental Prep: Eucharist Practice	8:30 - 10:45 AM	Church of the Resurrection
21-Apr	Sacrament: First Eucharist Mass	4:00 & 6:00 PM	Church of the Resurrection
22-Apr	Sacrament: First Eucharist Mass	9:00 & 11:00 AM	Church of the Resurrection