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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to you today about the Sacraments of Reconciliation (First Confession) and Eucharist (First Holy Communion) which will both be offered to your son/daughter in Grade 2. Please know that we at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish are delighted to celebrate this spiritual milestone in the life of your child and to offer whatever assistance we can to you as parents and families to make this sacramental preparation a positive and spiritually uplifting process.

We invite and encourage you and your family to attend Sunday Masses, especially this year as your child is preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Please visit our webpage https://stignatiusloyolami.archtoronto.org for our complete Mass schedule and updates.

An integral part of the student's preparation is a home program (with parental assistance) through the completion of two catechetical books entitled, "We Prepare for Reconciliation" (for First Reconciliation), and "We Share in the Eucharist" (for First Eucharist). The Registration fee of \$60 per child covers the cost of these resource books, as well as a copy of the Sunday Missal for Young Catholics. They are strongly encouraged to bring their Sunday Missals with them to Mass so that they can follow along. While the parish and school (through our Grade 2 teachers and the religious education curriculum taught by our Catholic schools) will support you in the instruction of the sacraments, your participation at home in working through these catechetical books with your child is a critical element of their preparation.

Between your family, our schools and our parish church, our task is to work together to help and encourage these young people appreciate and celebrate God's loving mercy through reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and communion in Christ Jesus through the Sacrament of the Eucharist. I am personally delighted to be part of this process, and I know I speak for our pastoral team as well.

I look forward to seeing you each weekend at either the Saturday evening or Sunday Mass, and especially here at the church on either **Tuesday September 30 or Wednesday October 1**.

May the Lord bless you and your families abundantly throughout this joy-filled time in your child's life.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Edward Curtis

Pastor

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish

Registration Requirements

Requirements for registration are:

- Be registered, practicing members of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
- Regular attendance at Sunday Mass
- Complete the Sacramental Preparation Form via Google Forms, including submission of your child's baptismal certificate
- Attend the **mandatory** Registration and Parent & Child Meeting on September 30th / October 1st, 2025

During the mandatory parent information session on September 30th / October 1st, 2025:

• Confirm your child's information and submit registration fee of \$60 (cash or cheque, addressed to St. Ignatius Loyola Parish)

The completed registration package (Google Form, submission of child's baptismal certificate) should be submitted by **Monday**, **September 22**nd, **2025**, in order for your child to be registered to the First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation classes for 2025/2026.

Registration Form

Click here, visit https://bit.ly/StIgnatiusLoyolaFHC, or scan the below QR Code to access the registration form:



Registration Checklist

Fill out the online Registration Form via Google Forms by Monday, September 22 nd , 2025
Submit a copy of your child's baptismal certificate via Google Forms
Verify your child's information via email by September 30 th . (An email will be sent to the primary email address provided shortly after completion of the online registration form. The email will come from msiuchong@archtoronto.org).
Attend the Registration and Parent & Child Meeting on September 30 OR October 1, 2025
Submit \$60 registration fee (cash or cheque) at the Registration Meeting

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Siu-Chong, our Lay Pastoral Associate at msiuchong@archtoronto.org.



<u>First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion – Feeder School 2025/2026 Schedule</u>

This schedule is for students who attend one of our Feeder Schools (All Saints, St. Clare, St. Mark)

DATE	TIME	EVENT/MEETING
Tues, September 30, 2025 OR Wed, October 1, 2025	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m Registration* Location: Foyer 7:15 p.m Parent and Child Meeting* Location: Church
October – N	November 2025	 Preparation for First Reconciliation: Completion of "We Prepare for Reconciliation" book at home Fr. Ed's visits to Grade 2 classrooms at our Feeder Schools. For those not in our parish schools and/or those who are in a grade other than 2, attendance at five RCIC classes are required (see separate attachment)
Tues, November 11, 2025 OR Wed, November 12, 2025	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	First Reconciliation Parent and Child Meeting* Church Tour & Rehearsal Location: Church
Sat, November 15, 2025	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Confession timeslots to be available in mid- October via Eventbrite	First Reconciliation Celebration Location: Church Sacristy & Office
January – April 2025		 Preparation for First Communion: Completion of "We Share in the Eucharist" book at home Fr. Ed's visits to Grade 2 classrooms at our Feeder Schools. For those not in our parish schools and/or those who are in a grade other than 2, attendance at six RCIC classes are required (see separate attachment)
Tues, April 14, 2026 OR Wed, April 15, 2026	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	First Communion Parent and Child Meeting* Rehearsal & Final Session Location: Church
Sun, April 19, 2026 OR Sun, April 26, 2026	2:00 p.m. Preference of Mass date to be booked in November via Eventbrite	First Communion Masses Location: Church

^{*} Parents attendance required with child