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27 August 2025

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 <a href="https://stignatiusloyolami.archtoronto.org">https://stignatiusloyolami.archtoronto.org</a> 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** 

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are happy to have the opportunity to work with your son/daughter this year in preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. In addition to being parishioners here at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, we are retired Catholic school teaching professionals and have been involved with the preparation of the sacraments for many years. We are very pleased to be able to assist Father Ed and Father Prince with this program.

The primary material used for these courses are the two catechetical books entitled "We Prepare for Reconciliation" and "We share in the Eucharist" which you will receive at the registration meeting. At our first meeting, you will be assigned sections of these books to be completed before each class. You may begin the books even before the classes start to avoid rushing through it as the course progresses. Please ensure that your child brings this booklet to each class. Your child will also be required to learn the following prayers: Our Father, Hail Mary, Apostles' Creed, and the Act of Contrition. Copies of these prayers will be given to your child so that you can practice at home.

We will have 5 Reconciliation classes and 6 First Communion classes which will take place on Tuesdays at the church from 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. The schedule for these classes is attached to the end of this package. Please ensure that you accompany your child when being dropped off or picked up from the church. Kindly arrive 5 minutes before the end of the class to pick up your child.

We expect that your child will attend all the classes. If an illness or an emergency does occur and your child cannot attend a specific class, please notify the parish office as soon as possible by emailing our Parish's Lay Pastoral Associate at <a href="mailto:msiuchong@archtoronto.org">msiuchong@archtoronto.org</a>, or by calling (905) 820-1444.

During this time of sacramental preparation, it is particularly important that you ensure that your child attends Mass on a weekly basis. This will be a great opportunity for your child to review the parts of the church (i.e. altar, tabernacle, stained glass windows, confessional, etc.) and the parts of the Mass which will be introduced to him/her during the classes.

We look forward to working with your child this year. Please feel free to ask any questions at any time.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Alp Mrs. Garofalo Ms. Purri

#### **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 30<sup>th</sup> / October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

### During the mandatory parent information session on September 30<sup>th</sup> / October 1<sup>st</sup>, 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**<sup>nd</sup>, **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 <sup>nd</sup> , 2025
Submit a copy of your child's baptismal certificate via Google Forms
Verify your child's information via email by September 30 <sup>th</sup> . (An email will be sent to the primary email address provided shortly after completion of the online registration form. The email will come from <a href="msiuchong@archtoronto.org">msiuchong@archtoronto.org</a> ).
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 <a href="msiuchong@archtoronto.org">msiuchong@archtoronto.org</a>.

# <u>First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion - RCIC 2025/2026 Schedule</u>

RCIC classes are for students that attend a non-feeder school and/or are in a grade other than 2.

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
Tues, October 7, 2025	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Reconciliation Classes, Session #1  Location: Parish Hall
Tues, October 14, 2025	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Reconciliation Classes, Session #2  Location: Parish Hall
Tues, October 21, 2025	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Reconciliation Classes, Session #3  Location: Parish Hall
Tues, October 28, 2025	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Reconciliation Classes, Session #4  Location: Parish Hall
Tues, November 4, 2025	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Reconciliation Classes, Session #5  Location: Parish Hall
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- <b>October</b> via Eventbrite	First Reconciliation Celebration Location: Church Sacristy & Office
Tues, February 10, 2026	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	First Holy Communion Classes, Session #1  Location: Parish Hall
Tues, February 17, 2026	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	First Holy Communion Classes, Session #2  Location: Parish Hall
Tues, February 24, 2026	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	First Holy Communion Classes, Session #3  Location: Parish Hall
Tuesday, March 3, 2026	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	First Holy Communion Classes, Session #4  Location: Parish Hall
Tues, March 10, 2026	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	First Holy Communion Classes, Session #5  Location: Parish Hall
March 16 – March 20, 2026	NO CLASS – MARCH BREAK	
Tues, March 24, 2026	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	First Holy Communion Classes, Session #6  Location: Parish Hall
March 30 – April 5, 2026	NO CLASS – HOLY WEEK	
Tues, April 14, 2026 <b>OR</b> 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 <b>OR</b> Sun, April 26, 2026	2:00 p.m.  Preference of Mass date to be booked in <b>November</b> via Eventbrite	First Communion Masses Location: Church

<sup>\*</sup> Parents attendance required with child