



St. Ignatius Loyola

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to you today about the Sacraments of Reconciliation (First Confession) and Eucharist (First Communion) which will both be offered to your son/daughter in Grade 2. Please know that the parish is happy to offer whatever assistance we can to you as parents and families to make sacramental preparation in these challenging times less stressful and more spiritually uplifting.

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 \$40 per child covers the cost of both these resource books. 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.

The First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation schedule is as follows:

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

1. Registration Meeting (in person): Tuesday October 4 or Wednesday October 5

Registration from 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the church foyer

Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the church

We ask that the child and one parent attend the meeting. You will need to provide:

- 1. Your completed Registration Form (see attached...please print)**
- 2. A copy of your child's baptismal certificate (even if they were baptized here)**
- 3. \$40 materials fee for 2 catechetical books**

2. **Preparation for First Reconciliation (October - November 2022)**
 - Completion of "We Prepare for Reconciliation" book at home
 - Fr. Tim's visits to Grade 2 classrooms at St. Clare, St. Mark, All Saints Schools
 - for those not in our parish schools: attendance at four RCIC classes (see separate attachment)

3. **First Reconciliation Parent and Child Meeting (includes rehearsal at church) Tuesday November 22 or Wednesday November 23 at 7:00 p.m. Attendance in mandatory.**

4. **2022 FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION (child and ONE parent)**
 - Saturday November 26, 2022, from 10 a.m. - Noon**
 - Saturday December 3, 2022, from 10 a.m.- Noon**(Reservation of specific dates and times via Eventbrite to be announced in early November 2022)

5. **Preparation for First Communion (January - April 2023)**
 - Completion of "We Share in the Eucharist" book at home
 - Fr. Tim's visits to Grade 2 classrooms at St. Clare, St. Mark, All Saints Schools
 - for those not in our parish schools: attendance at six RCIC classes (see separate attachment...dates to be confirmed in January 2023)

6. **First Communion Parent and Child Meeting (includes rehearsal at church) on Tuesday April 18 or Wednesday April 19 at 7:00 p.m. Attendance in mandatory.**

7. **2023 FIRST COMMUNION MASSES**
 - Sunday April 23, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.**
 - Sunday April 30, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.**(Reservation of specific dates and times via Eventbrite to be announced in March 2023)

As parents, teachers, and priests our task is to work together in helping these little ones 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. It is a joyous task.

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 October 4 or Wednesday October 5.**

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Timothy K. Hanley
Pastor