



St. Ignatius Loyola
Roman Catholic Church

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am 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 a parishioner here at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, I am a retired teaching professional of the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board and have been involved with the preparation of the sacraments for many years. I am very pleased to be able to assist Father Tim and Father John 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 complete 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 4 Reconciliation classes and 6 First Communion classes which will take place on Tuesdays at the church from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Specific dates and times are found on the reverse side of this letter. 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 calling (905) 820-1444.

During this time of sacramental preparation, it is particularly important that you ensure that your child can attend 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

R.C.I.C. First Reconciliation and First Communion Schedule 2022/2023

1. Registration and Parent and Child Meeting (in person, child + one parent only) at the church

Dates: Tuesday October 4 **OR** Wednesday October 5

Time: Registration from 6:30 p.m. in the church foyer

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

2. Reconciliation Classes 2022 (child only in the parish hall)

Dates: Tuesday, October 18 and Tuesday, October 25

Tuesday, November 1, Tuesday, November 8 and Tuesday, November 15

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

3. Parent and Child Meeting including Rehearsal for First Reconciliation at the church

Dates: Tuesday November 22 **OR** Wednesday November 23

Time: 7:00 pm

4. First Reconciliation Celebration (child & 1 parent only, booked through Eventbrite) at the church

Date: Saturday November 26 **OR** Saturday December 3

Time: 10:00 am - Noon

5. First Holy Communion Classes 2023 (children only in the parish hall)

Dates: Tuesday February 21 and Tuesday February 28

Tuesday March 7, Tuesday March 21, and Tuesday March 28

Tuesday April 11

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**** Please note**** No classes Tuesday March 14 School Break and Tuesday April 4 Holy Week

6. Parent and Child Meeting including Rehearsal for First Holy Communion at the church

Dates: Tuesday April 18 or Wednesday April 19

Time: 7:00 p.m.

7. First Communion Ceremony 2023 (parents & children, booked through Eventbrite) at the church

Date: Sunday April 23 **OR** Sunday April 30

Time: 2:00 p.m.