



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 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, which they will receive at their First Confession. 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.

For the first time, we are opening our RCIC classes to students attending our feeder schools at no additional cost. Families who would like their child to receive additional faith formation and sacramental preparation beyond what is provided at school and at home are warmly invited to participate. To enroll your child for the RCIC classes, please indicate your interest on the registration form. **Kindly note that registration for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation with St. Ignatius Loyola Parish closes on Monday September 21, 2026.**

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 29 or Wednesday September 30.**

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

To register for the 2026/2027 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation Program at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, families must:

- Be registered, practicing members of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
- Attend Sunday Mass regularly
- Complete the Sacramental Preparation Form via Google Forms, *including uploading your child's baptismal certificate*
- Respond to the Lay Pastoral Associate's email prior to Friday September 25th to confirm the information submitted for your child
- Attend the **mandatory** Registration and Parent & Child Meeting on Tuesday September 29th OR Wednesday September 30th, 2026

During the mandatory parent information session on September 29th / September 30th, 2026, families will:

- Check in (Location: Parish Foyer)
- Select a preferred First Holy Communion date (first come, first served)
- Receive program preparation resources
- Submit the \$60 registration fee (cash or cheque payable to Ignatius Loyola Parish)

Please note: The completed online registration form (Google Form and baptismal certificate submission) must be received by Monday, September 21, 2026 for your child to be registered in the 2026/2027 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation Program.

Not yet baptized? Families with a child in Grade 2 (or older) who has not yet been baptized, but who are committed to raising their child in the Catholic faith and preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, are asked to contact our Lay Pastoral Associate, Melissa, prior to completing the online registration form.

Registration Form

Click [here](#), visit <https://bit.ly/FHCRegistration2027>, or scan the below QR Code to access the registration form:



Registration Checklist, all to be completed by September 29th/30th

- ☐ Fill out the online Registration Form via Google Forms by **Monday, September 21st, 2026**
- ☐ Submit a copy of your child's baptismal certificate via Google Forms
- ☐ Add the preparation dates to your family calendar (Refer to attached schedule)
- ☐ Verify your child's information via email by September 25th. (An email will be sent to the primary email address provided shortly after completion of the online registration form. The email will come from our parish's Lay Pastoral Associate, Melissa at msiuchong@archtoronto.org).
- ☐ Attend the Registration and Parent & Child Meeting on September 29 OR September 30, 2026
- ☐ 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.



First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion – RCIC 2026/2027 Schedule

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

Additional Preparation Opportunity: The RCIC preparation classes are available to students attending our feeder schools at no additional cost. Families seeking additional faith formation and sacramental preparation are invited to participate. The RCIC class schedule can be found on page 4. To enroll, please indicate your interest on the online registration form.

DATE	TIME	EVENT/MEETING
Tues, September 29, 2026 OR Wed, September 30, 2026	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. <i>Confession timeslots to be booked in October via Eventbrite</i>	6:30 p.m. - Registration*, Location: Foyer 7:15 p.m. - Parent and Child Meeting*, Location: Church

FIRST RECONCILIATION (FR) PREPARATION

DATE	TIME	EVENT/MEETING
October - November 2026		- Completion of “We Prepare for Reconciliation” book at home - Preparation in school - Fr. Ed’s visits to Grade 2 Feeder school classrooms (Optional Additional Preparation at the Parish – See RCIC Schedule)
Tues, November 10, 2026 OR Wed, November 11, 2026	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	First Reconciliation Parent and Child Meeting* Church Tour & Rehearsal, Location: Church
Sat, November 14, 2026	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. <i>Confession timeslots to be booked in October via Eventbrite</i>	First Reconciliation Celebration Location: Church Sacristy, Sanctuary, & Office

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) PREPARATION

DATE	TIME	EVENT/MEETING
January – March 2027		- Completion of “We Share in the Eucharist” book at home - Preparation in school - Fr. Ed’s visits to Grade 2 Feeder school classrooms (Optional Additional Preparation at the Parish – See RCIC Schedule)
Tues, February 9, 2027	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	“Our Family Belongs at Mass” FHC Parent and Child, Group Class #1* Location: Church
Wed, March 10, 2027	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	“Come and See: The Mass Explained” FHC Parent and Child, Group Class #2* Location: Church
Week of March 14		NO CLASS – MARCH BREAK
Week of March 21		NO CLASS – HOLY WEEK
Tues, April 6, 2027 OR Wed, April 7, 2027	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	First Communion Parent and Child Meeting* Rehearsal & Final Session Location: Church
Saturday, April 10, 2027, at 11:00 a.m. OR Sunday, April 11, 2027, at 2:00 p.m.		First Communion Masses Location: Church

* Parent attendance is required with child for all events/meetings that are highlighted.



First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion – RCIC 2026/2027 Schedule

RCIC classes are for students that attend a non-feeder school and/or are in a grade other than 2. The RCIC classes are also open to students attending our feeder schools at no additional cost. Families who would like their child to receive additional faith formation and sacramental preparation beyond what is provided at school and at home are warmly invited to participate. To enroll your child for the RCIC classes, please indicate your interest on the registration form.

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FIRST RECONCILIATION (FR) PREPARATION

DATE	TIME	EVENT/MEETING
Tues, October 6, 2026	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	FR Session #1, Location: Parish Hall
Tues, October 13, 2026	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	FR Session #2, Location: Parish Hall
Tues, October 20, 2026	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	FR Session #3, Location: Parish Hall
Tues, October 27, 2026	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	FR Session #4, Location: Parish Hall
Tues, November 3, 2026	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	FR Session #5, Location: Parish Hall
Tues, November 10, 2026 OR Wed, November 11, 2026	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	First Reconciliation Parent and Child Meeting* Church Tour & Rehearsal, Location: Church
Sat, November 14, 2026	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. <i>Confession timeslots to be booked in October via Eventbrite</i>	First Reconciliation Celebration Location: Church Sacristy, Sanctuary, & Office

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) PREPARATION

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Tues, January 19, 2027	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	FHC Session #1, Location: Parish Hall
Tues, January 26, 2027	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	FHC Session #2, Location: Parish Hall
Tues, February 2, 2027	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	FHC Session #3, Location: Parish Hall
Tues, February 9, 2027	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	"Our Family Belongs at Mass" FHC Parent & Child, Group Class #1*, Location: Church
Tues, February 16, 2027	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	FHC Session #4, Location: Parish Hall
Tues, February 23, 2027	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	FHC Session #5, Location: Parish Hall
Tues, March 2, 2027	4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	FHC Session #6, Location: Parish Hall
Wed, March 10, 2027	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	"Come and See: The Mass Explained" FHC Parent & Child, Group Class #2*, Location: Church
Week of March 14 & 21	NO CLASS – MARCH BREAK & HOLY WEEK	
Tues, April 6, 2027 OR Wed, April 7, 2027	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	First Communion Parent and Child Meeting* Rehearsal & Final Session Location: Church
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