**First Reconcilliation and First Communion**

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**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**First Reconcilliation Meetings:**

**#1 Parent/Sponsor Meeting: September 23, 2019**

**#2 Parent/Sponsor Meeting: October 21, 2019**

**#3 Parent/Sponnsor Meeting: November 4, 2019**

**All will take place i@ 6 pm at CCE Bldg. Rm 6 & 7**

**First Communion Meetings:**

**#1 Parent/Sponsor Meeting:**

**#2 Parent/Sponsor Meeting:**

**#3 Parent/Sponnsor Meeting: March 2, 2020**

**All will take place i@ 6 pm at CCE Bldg. Rm 6 & 7**

**DATES SACRAMENTS WILL BE CELEBRATED:**

**First Reconcilliation Date: April 29, 2020 at 6 pm at the Main Church**

**(Parents/Godparents should be present and praying for your chld to make a good confession) You are invited to go out an celebrate your child’s reception of this Sacrament for example: a special dinner, an icecream Sunday, a cake at home. All family members (parents, godparents and siblings are invited to go to the sacrament of reconcilliation prior to your child/godchild receiving the sacrament of reconcilliation so you all can experience being in communion together and the graces the Lord gives you as a family)**

**First Communion Dates: May 2 (Sat) & May 3rd (Sun) all Mass times.**

**Please make sure to sign up for your 1st choice, 2nd choice and 3rd choice –for Mass time.**

**Coordiantor of religious education will set the schedule and notify parents of when their child will receive their sacrament.**

**RETREATS**

**First Reconcilliation Retreat: Sat, November 9, 2019, 1:00- finish with Holy Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church**

**First Communion Retreat: Sat, March 7, 2020, 1:00- finish with Holy Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church**

**PRACTICES**

**First Reconcilliation & First Communion Practice: April 27, 2020 at 6 pm at the Main church, student and Godparents must be present**

**Reminder Items that need to be turned in:**

**Due date : Friday, April 24, 2020**

* **Copy of child’s baptismal certificate (if your child was baptized at St. Francis Xavier you can call Cristina at the main church office and give her the information she needs to give me a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate.**
* **Child’s registration form –to have sacrament recorded with the parish**

**(available on line)**

* **Child’s godparents verification form (available on line)**
* **Registration form for First Commuion Retreat/Day of Reflection (available on line)**

**Requirements for Godparents:**

**Must have all sacraments (Baptism, Reconcilliation, First communion, Confirmation. If married they must be married by the Catholic Church, should be practicing their faith, attend Sunday Mass weekly)**

**Items Needed for First Communion:**

**Boys: white button up shirt, tie, black or beige slacks, dress shoes**

**Girls: white dress, dress shoes, veil, (dress must be modest, knee length or longer, not transparent, no strapless dresses, no spaghetti straps, no backless, no low v neck or low round neck lines, must not be tight fitting, if strapless or spaghetti straps is all you find, child must wear a white sweater to cover shoulders.**

**Additional Items: A white taper candle and bottle for Holy water (empty or filled)**

***Optional:* First Communion kit (usual has a bible or Mass book, brown scapular, rosary and first communion pin.**

**Suggested gifts: Bible, rosary, a book/ dvd on the life of a saint**

**Mandatory Prayers that they need to know:**

**Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition, Ten Commandments, Nicene Creed, How to do an Examination of Conscience (prayer booklet is available online)**

**All forms are available on our website: stfrancisxavierlaferia.org**

**Under the tab of Sacraments. Check out our online calendar, it includes our parent meetings, dates sacraments will be celebrated, practices, etc.**