



SCHEDULE 2018 FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Date	Event
Week of September 3	Parents/Guardians receive Sacrament Packets at SJS Back to School
September 11, 12 5:00 PM or 6:45 PM	Parents/Guardians receive Sacrament Packets at PREP Parent Sacrament Meeting in Cafeteria; thereafter packets picked up in PREP OFFICE
Thursday, September 28 Monday, October 2 Tuesday, October 17	1st Penance/ 1st Communion and Confirmation parents register for one (1) evening Parent Sacrament Forum in Daily Mass Chapel ; at least one parent/guardian to attend
Week of November 26	First Penance/First Communion Packets are due to the child's teacher or PREP Office
Week of January 7	Basic Prayer & Knowledge Checklist due to child's Teacher
Children celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the First time:	
Wednesday, January 31, 7:00 pm Church	Group 1 - Children whose last name begins L through Z
Thursday, February 1, 7:00 pm Church	Group 2 - Children whose last name begins A through K
Week of March 25	Teachers distribute banner materials and instructions.
Week of April 15	Family banners are due to each child's teacher.
Wednesday, May 2 3:30 -5:00 p.m., Church	GROUP 1 rehearses in Church.* Children whose last name begins L through Z
Thursday, May 3 3:30 -5:00 p.m., Church	GROUP 2 rehearses in Church.* Children whose last name begins A through K
Saturday, May 5, 2018 children celebrate First Holy Communion	
8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Children gather in Daily Mass Chapel, then process into Church for Mass – Group 1 – children whose last name begins L~Z
11:15 a.m. 12:00 noon	Children gather in Daily Mass Chapel, then process into Church for Mass – Group 2 – children whose last name begins A~K
Parish May Procession Tuesday, May 8 @ 7:00 pm	ALL PARISHONERS INVITED TO ATTEND First Communicants please attend wearing First Communion Finery.

* Please make arrangements early to have your child at practice. There is only ONE practice for each group. Your child attends the practice which corresponds with the Mass during which they receive their First Holy Communion. May we suggest that you pick your child up at school or arrange carpooling so that everyone is on time. Early dismissal from school for Communion Practice is an acceptable excuse. Please also remember to give your child a snack before practice. At the end of practice, children MUST be picked-up in the Church. Thank you.

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Schedule for Reconciliation

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 7:00 pm -Group 1 Children whose last name begins A through K

Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7:00 pm - Group 2 Children whose last name begins L through Z

**** Note: The rite of Penance will begin promptly at 7:00p.m.

Please arrive early enough to pick up your child's certificate envelope in the John Neumann room. The children will all sit together and their family and friends will be seated in the remainder of the available pews.

There will be NO seating in pews where confessions are being heard. We are fortunate to have 8-10 priests available to hear Confessions.

The children will be invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation first, and then all family members are encouraged to receive this Sacrament of God's love and forgiveness as well. Thank you.

Dress Code for First Reconciliation

We ask that the children dress respectably for Church and the reception of a sacrament.

Please respect your child's privacy;

there is **NO** picture taking, video or audio taping during the sacrament.

Schedule for First Holy Communion

Rehearsals:

Wednesday, May 2: 3:30 -5:00 p.m., Church

GROUP 1 - Children whose last name begins L through Z

Thursday, May 3: 3:30 -5:00 p.m., Church

Group 2 – Children whose last name begins A through K

Saturday, May 5, 2017 children receive First Holy Communion

9:30a.m. Mass: GROUP 1 - Children whose last name begins L through Z

Children should arrive at the Education Center (school) by 8:45 a.m. Parents, family and friends may go directly to the Church.

12:00 noon Mass: GROUP 2 - Children whose last name begins A through K

Children should arrive at the Education Center (school) by 11:15 a.m. Parents, family and friends may go directly to the Church.

Dress Code for First Holy Communion

Boys: dress shirt
tie (any color)
suit or sport jacket
dress slacks
dress shoes

Girls: white dress
white socks or tights
white dress shoes

optional: veil

NO sneakers, gloves, rosaries, jewelry, purses or flowers, please!

During the Liturgy, there is **NO** video or picture taking.

Each child will receive a professionally made DVD.