

# SACRED HEART PARISH

Sacred Heart Church - St. Joseph the Worker Mission

## SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST 2017-18 (SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

**UPDATED 7/27/17**

*All sessions meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month during Family Formation 6 to 7:30 PM in the parish hall (unless otherwise indicated by \*).*

Sep 6	Parent/Child Orientation
Sep 20	Preparation Session/Class
Oct 18	Preparation Session/Class
Nov 15	Preparation Session/Class
Dec 20	Christmas Party
Jan 17	Preparation Session/Class
Jan 20*	First Reconciliation Retreat, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM (Saturday)
Jan 31*	MANDATORY Touching Safety Class, 6 – 7 PM (Wednesday)
Feb 3*	Celebration of First Reconciliation at 9:30 AM (Saturday)
Feb 21	Preparation Session/Class
Mar 9*	Family Stations of the Cross, 6 – 7:30 PM (Friday)
Mar 21	Preparation Session/Class
Apr 18	Preparation Session/Class
April 28*	First Eucharist Retreat and Rehearsal, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM (Saturday)
May 6*	Celebration of First Eucharist at 10:30 AM Mass (Sunday)
May 16	End of Year Celebration

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## FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS 2017-18

1. Children must be at **least seven years old** or turning seven in the coming year (usually in second grade).
2. Have **received Baptism** (must provide a Baptismal Certificate; if child was baptized at Sacred Heart or St. Joseph, we should already have a record)
3. **At least one year of prior religious education.** This can be a parish program, Catholic school, or a home study program.
4. Attend weekly Sunday Mass and all Holy Days of Obligation.
5. Prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to receiving First Communion. Children are encouraged to go to confession closer to the date of First Communion as well.
6. Parents and children must attend all the monthly family formation sessions, and complete and return the home lessons. There are additional required sessions for Sacramental Preparation. See separate schedule for specific meeting dates and times.
7. Child and at least one parent must meet with Fr. Aloysius prior to First Eucharist. *Meeting dates and times will be provided later.*
8. **Registration is \$40** to cover the cost of preparation materials for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist and the accompanying retreats. Contact the parish office if you are registered at Sacred Heart and in need of financial assistance.
9. If you are members of another parish, we will need a letter from your pastor granting permission to participate in our program.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Debbie Adams, Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation, at 360-687-4515 or by e-mail to [debbie@sacredheartbg.org](mailto:debbie@sacredheartbg.org).