

First Eucharist Preparation 2018

January 21 through April 29– Immediate Sacrament Preparation

January 21 (Sun.) – Be sure to attend Mass this weekend with your child, at Mass you will hear Mark’s Gospel, which is the calling of the disciples.
– *begin Lesson 1* with your child. Parents, review pages 8 – 11 in the Family Guide.

January 21 (Sun.) - **Lesson #1 for children**
Chapter One – We Belong

January 28 (Sun.) – *Continue with Lesson 1*, get acquainted with website www.rclbsacraments.com
Click on “Eucharist” and then “Program: Do this in memory of me...”

February 4 (Sun.) – **Lesson #2 for children**
Chapter Two – We Gather

February 11 (Sun.) – **Lesson #3 for children**
Chapter Three – We Listen
Parent/Guardian Gathering: 9:15 – 10:20 (St. Kateri Parent Center, in the School)

February 18 (Sun.) – NO CLASSES – President’s Weekend – be sure to attend Mass

February 25 (Sun) – *Continue with Lesson 3*

March 4 (Sun) – **Lesson #4 for children**
Chapter Four – We Give Thanks

March 10 (Sat.) – **Parent/Child First Communion Retreat (9:00 am – 12:00 noon) (Madonna Hall)**

March 11 (Sun.) – *Continue with Lesson 4*

March 18 (Sun) – **Lesson #5 for children**
Chapter Five – We Remember

March 25 (Sun) - *Continue with Lesson 5 as you attend Mass, pay particular attention to the words of Consecration.*
Attend Liturgies of Holy Week (Schedule will be emailed)

April 1 (Sat.) – **NO CLASSES (Easter Sunday) – Mass Schedule will be emailed**

April 8 (Sun) – **Lesson #6 for children**
Chapter Six – We Celebrate

April 15 (Sun) – **Lesson #7 for children**
Chapter Seven – We Live

April 22 (Sun) – *Complete Lesson 7. In class, video.*

April 29 (Sun) – **Review / Practice**

May 5, 6, 12, 13 – Celebrations of First Holy Communion at Mass

Some notes:

Of course, be sure to attend Mass every weekend, but in addition, try to sit close to the altar. Imagine yourself as a child in church, and all you can see from your vantage point, was the back of a very tall adult. The closer the children sit, the more the Mass will make sense to them. Help your child find the readings, hymns and prayers in the worship leaflet or parish hymnal.

Read at least the Gospel with your child before coming to Mass on Sunday. In the emails that I send each week, there is one that contains the Gospel message from the Children's Lectionary, which is in language that is easy for children to understand.

Try to have at least one night during the week that is a designated "Family Night." On this night, make a commitment to put away all electronic devices, share a family meal, (perhaps using your "company" place settings), light candles. Have the children help set the table, and while doing so, see how this correlates to what we do at Mass. While at the table, have each person share their highs and lows of the day, and encourage one another in their successes, and assure support for what was a low point. Share your family stories, share a meal, give thanks – what we do at Mass every Sunday is what is already happening at our family tables, for there also, Jesus is in our midst.

Feel free to reach out to me, or one of our priests if we can be of any assistance. We look forward to being present to you, your children and your families during this time of preparation.

In Christ's Peace,

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