

August 24, 2011

Dear Parent,

Your child is at or near an age when they are able to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (also known as confession or penance) and Holy Eucharist (also known as First Holy Communion). We would so much like to welcome them on this journey. You know your child better than anyone else, please pray about taking this wonderful step with your child. We have enclosed a copy of the registration form in this letter along with some criteria for you to review to determine your child's readiness. Please feel free to fill out the registration form and turn it in to the office when you are at Mass or put it in the mail and we will get your child registered.

The Archdiocese asks that children receive the curriculum for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before they begin their preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist also known as First Holy Communion.

Our class sessions are for both parents and their children to attend together. Fr. Ramon will be working with me to make sure you have a rich experience as you prepare your child for this wonderful gift that we have been given. He will be able to attend most of our classes. Please bring your questions and concerns with you to each session. Our sessions last about an hour and a half. We will provide parents with a curriculum to work on with your child between sessions to help make this experience one that you can share. You are the primary teachers of your children and we want to support you in helping your child grow in their faith. We will have childcare available during our sessions for your younger children.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this experience for your child and your family at 425-823-0787 X109 or at lstanger@sjvkirkland.org

God's Peace,

Laura Stanger
Pastoral Assistant for Children's Ministry and Family Life

FIRST RECONCILIATION FIRST EUCHARIST SCHEDULE 2010-2011

Child care is available during our sessions in parish nursery for younger children.

First Reconciliation Session #1	Friday September 17 at 7:00 p.m. Or Saturday September 18 at 10:00 a.m.
First Reconciliation Session #2	Friday October 15 at 7:00 p.m. Or Saturday October 16 at 10:00 a.m.
First Reconciliation Session #3	Friday November 12 at 7:00 p.m. Or Saturday November 13 at 10:00 a.m.
Celebration of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation	Friday December 10, 2010. Parish and First Reconciliation Service. 7:00 p.m.
First Eucharist Session #1	Friday February 18 at 7:00 p.m. Or Saturday February 19 at 10:00 a.m.
First Eucharist Session #2	Friday March 18 at 7:00 p.m. Or Saturday March 19 at 10:00 a.m.
First Eucharist Session #3	Friday April 15 at 7:00 p.m. Or Saturday April 16 at 10:00 a.m.
REHEARSAL FOR FIRST EUCHARIST	FRIDAY April 29 AT 7 P.M. IN THE CHURCH GROUP PHOTO WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME.
Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUNDAY MAY 1, 2010 AT 10:30 A.M. May Crowning will be part of our First Eucharist celebration with a reception hosted by our Filipino community.
*In the event that a child is sick or unable to attend the celebration of the Sacraments please note we can arrange it at a later date. No worries.	

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