

Part 2 Sacrament Preparation for First Communion Calendar 2017

Jan. 21, 22 First Communion Jumpstart Meeting for Parent and Child

January/February

Do by 31, 1 Chapter 1 Belonging to the Church

Scripture story: Pentecost

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Faith Words and Concepts:

Church: The Church is all the people who are baptized in Jesus Christ and follow his teachings.

Mass: The gathering when we celebrate the Eucharist

Sacrament: A sacrament is a special sign given to us by Jesus.

Do by 14, 15 Chapter 2 Gathering to Give Thanks

Scripture story: Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem

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Faith Words and Concepts:

Worship: Worship means to give God thanks and praise.

Assembly: The assembly is the community of people who join together for the celebration of the Mass.

Vestments: Special clothing the priest and deacon wears at Mass.

Sunday is called the **Lord's Day**. The celebration of the Lord's Day is from Saturday evening through Sunday until midnight.

Introductory Rites: the Introductory Rites are the prayers and actions at the beginning of Mass. They help us to remember that we are a worshipping community. They prepare us to listen to God's word and to celebrate the Eucharist.

23 First Reconciliation Sneak Peek for Parent and Child in Church 4-5 PM or 6:30-7:30 PM

25 First Reconciliation 11:00 AM in Church

February, March

Do by 28, 1 Chapter 3 Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word

Scripture story: Sower and the Seed

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Faith Words and Concepts:

Liturgy of the Word: The Liturgy of the Word is the part of the Mass in which we listen to God's word being proclaimed.

Psalm: a song of praise from the Old Testament

Gospel: The Gospel is the third reading at Sunday Mass and is from one of the four Gospels of the New Testament that tell us about Jesus' life and teachings.

Homily: The homily is the talk given by the priest or deacon that helps us to understand the readings and how we are to live.

Creed: The Creed is the prayer in which we announce what we believe as Catholics.

Prayer of the Faithful: The Prayer of the Faithful is the prayer we pray after the Creed. We pray for the needs of all God's people.

Lector: Reads the first two readings from the Lectionary. The lector stands at the ambo.

Book of the Gospels: Readings from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

March cont.

Do by 14, 15 Chapter 4 Celebrating the Liturgy of the Eucharist

Scripture story: The Last Supper

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Faith Words and Concepts:

Last Supper: The Last meal Jesus shared with his disciples before he died.

Altar: the special table

Liturgy of the Eucharist: The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the part of the Mass in which the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

sacrifice: A sacrifice is an offering of a gift to God

Eucharistic Prayer: The Eucharistic prayer is the great prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

consecration: The consecration is the part of the Eucharistic Prayer when, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and through the words and actions of the priest, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Paten: The priest lays the wheat bread on this dish

Chalice: the cup that holds the wine that becomes the blood of Christ

Real Presence: In a way we cannot understand Jesus is really present in the Eucharist

- 26 Children's Mass at 9:15 Stop by the Narthex before or after any of the weekend Masses and pick up a Chalice and Paten Kit for your child.**

Do by 28, 29 Chapter 5 Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ

Scripture story: Jesus on the Road to Emmaus

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Faith Words and Concepts:

Holy Communion: Receiving the bread and wine which have become the Body and Blood of Jesus

Host: the bread that becomes the Body of Christ

The priest invites us to receive Jesus in Holy Communion by saying:

“Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb”

Together with the priest we pray:

“Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

When we go forward to receive Communion we bow our heads. The priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister says “The Body of Christ.” We respond ‘Amen’ and receive the host.

April

Do by 11, 12 Chapter 6 Living as the Body of Christ

Scripture story: The Commissioning of the Disciples

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Faith Words and Concepts:

Concluding Rite: The Concluding Rite is the last part of the Mass in which we are blessed and sent out to share God's love with others.

- 23 First Communion Family Retreat in Friendship Hall-Bring completed book and vessel/vestment worksheet! Children meet at 12:15 PM in Friendship Hall and parents at 2:30 PM in church**

- 29 First Communion 1:30 PM**