

2nd Grade Sacramental Preparation

Logistical Information

Sunday January 27th 8:30am-12pm – Retreat in O’Sullivan Hall

This will be a day of reflection, prayer and understanding of the sacraments and of how to help raise a young child as they become more aware of their spirituality. This is not only for Catholic families, but for all families to attend and enjoy a morning of prayer. Parents and kids will split up after refreshments and we will join back again as a family for mass that starts at 11am.

Wednesday February 20th 7pm – 1st Reconciliation (1st Confession) Visitation Church

Families will be asked to arrive by 6:45 for the celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation. Some of the children will have a role in this liturgy and others will have a role in the 1st communion liturgy. If they have a reading part, please practice with them before hand. Students will be asked to wear their “Sunday Best” attire for this sacrament. Only the students will be receiving confession this evening. (Confession times are Saturday from 4-5pm and by apt.) Families are welcome to attend, although this is usually a smaller gathering and more intimate. There is generally lots of room in the church and all are welcome, especially if you have a large family, but usually, immediate family and God-parents are in attendance. No photographer or videographer will be present.

Wednesday May 1st 7pm Rehearsal at Visitation Church

Families will be asked to arrive a little early so we can begin at 7. This evening, we will go through all the different logistics of the event. Students will practice everything from their entrance, readings, and all other logistical things and Fr. Jim will make any final adjustments to the liturgy as needed.

Saturday May 4th 10am – 1st Holy Communion at Visitation Church

Families will be asked to arrive by 9:30 and drop off their children in the Parish Center. There will be a group photo taken outside the church at 9:45. Some of the children will have a role in this liturgy. If they have a reading part, please practice with them before hand. **Girls must wear a white dress, and a sweater if there are “spaghetti” straps. Modest hair accessories (veils, tiaras, flowers) may be worn, but should not get in the way. Black or white dress shoes and small heels are ok. No gloves should be worn. Boys must wear a white shirt, dark pants, tie, dress shoes and optional suit jacket. The students should have nothing in their hands (bibles, rosaries, flowers, etc).**

The students will sit in the first 2 pews on either side of the church. The parent(s) or God parents will sit right behind the students and will accompany the child up to the altar to receive the blessed sacrament when it is time. There will be room for 2 adults for each child at the front. Each family will be able to determine who that will be. The rest of the church will be “open” seating, first come, first seated. You are NOT allowed to reserve pews, please be kind and fair to those who arrive.

There will be a photographer and videographer so we ask that all who attend to please refrain from blocking/distracting others by attempting to take pictures during Mass.

There will be a date closer to May 4th where the kids will have separate portraits taken. For the PREP students, it will be on a Sunday 9:15-10:30, students can come dressed in their 1st Communion attire and change after their portrait. For the School students, it will be on Wednesday, May 1st upon arrival to school. The students will arrive in their 1st Communion attire and go directly to the Hall for pictures, then be allowed to change. Parents are welcome to help! More info on this to follow.

Banners will be due Sunday, April 30th for the PREP students and Monday April 29th for the school students.