

Summer 2017

Dear Parents,

Here at St John, we begin preparation for First Communion in the Fall of our children's second grade year, about age 7.



We start the program with preparation for First Reconciliation before moving to preparation for First Eucharist in the Spring. ***Your child must be a baptized Catholic to receive the sacraments.*** Please contact me if your child has not yet been baptized or has been baptized in another Christian tradition; I can talk with you about the options.

Here are the dates for the First Reconciliation classes for parents and children:

Mon. September 11th, 7-8 p.m. Parent & Child Opening Prayer Service in the Church

Tues. September 19th, 7-8 p.m. Parent & Child Class, St John School Classrooms, 2nd floor

Tues. September 26th, 7-8 p.m. Parent & Child Class, School Classrooms, 2nd floor

Tues. October 2nd, 6-7 p.m. or 7-8 p.m. (choice of time) Parent & Child Tour of Church

Tues. Oct. 17th, 7-8 p.m. Practice in the Church (ALL parents will stay to help with practice)

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday, October 21st at 10:00 a.m. in the Church.

First Communion classes will be held:

Tues. February 13th, 7-7:30 p.m. or 7:30-8 p.m. (choice of time) Touching Safety class. School Classrooms, 2nd floor

Tues. February 27th, 7-8 p.m. Parent and Child Class, St John School Classrooms, 2nd floor

Tues. March 6th, 7-8 p.m. Parent and Child Class, School Classrooms, 2nd floor

Tues. March 20th, 7-8 p.m. Children Only, School Classrooms, 2nd floor (a few parent volunteers needed)

Tues. April 17th, 6-7 or 7-8pm (choice of time) Parent & Child Bread Making in Egan Hall

Rehearsal: Sun. April 29th at 11:30am for children who are readers and gift bearers (must also attend main rehearsal!). Main Rehearsal date TBD (will be first week of May).

First Communion will be celebrated May 5th and 6th at all masses!

The fee for sacramental preparation classes is \$75. Please prayerfully discern how much to contribute. No one will be denied participation for lack of funds and no questions will be asked about ability to pay.

If your child was **not** baptized at St. John Church we will need a NEW copy of their Baptismal Certificate. Please contact the church of baptism and arrange for them to send the certificate to: St John Church Attention: Julia Rudden, 121 N 80th St., Seattle, WA 98103

Please fill out the attached form and return it to the parish office.

Sacramental Preparation Schedule 2017-2018

Please put these dates on your calendar

First Reconciliation Schedule

Opening Meeting and Prayer Service for Parents and Children, Church

Monday, September 11th, 7-8 p.m. **Church**

Parent and Child Classes, second floor St. John's School

Tuesday, September 19th, 7-8 p.m. –parents and children

Tuesday, September 26th, 7-8 p.m. –parents and children

Tuesday, October 2nd, 6-8 p.m. – Church Tour—parents and children—meet in church vestibule; two groups, one 6-7 p.m.; one 7-8 p.m.

Practice, Church, Children and Parents

Tuesday, October 17th, 7-8 p.m.

First Reconciliation, Church

Saturday, October 21st, 10:00 a.m.

First Eucharist Schedule

Parent and Child Classes, second floor St. John's School

Tuesday, February 13th, 7-8 p.m. (Touching Safety class: two groups, one 7-7:30 p.m.; one 7:30-8 p.m.)

Tuesday, February 27th, 7-8 p.m. children and parents

Tuesday, March 6th, 7-8 p.m. children and parents

Tuesday, March 20th, 7-8 p.m. **(This class children only; we'll need a few parent volunteers!)**

Parent and Child Bread-Making and Scroll Sharing, Egan Hall

Tuesday, April 17th, 6-7 p.m. **or** 7-8 p.m. (your choice of session time)

Rehearsal, Church

Sunday April 29th, 11:30 a.m. (following 10:30 a.m. mass) rehearsal for children who are readers and gift bearers (must also attend main rehearsal)

Main Rehearsal **(Children only, need 3-4 parents to stay and assist). Will be first week of May; exact date TBD.**

First Holy Communion, Church

May 5th at 5 p.m. Mass

May 6th at 8:30 a.m. Mass

May 6th at 10:30 a.m. Mass

First Communion Registration 2017-18

Child's Full Name _____

Name they prefer to be called _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Father _____

Email Address (print clearly) _____

Mother (please include your birth surname) _____

Email Address (print clearly) _____

Who does your Child live with? _____

Child's School _____ Grade _____

Date of Birth _____ City of Birth _____

Baptismal Date _____

Church of Baptism _____

\$75 Preparation fee includes all First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Classes and materials.

If your child was not baptized here at St John, please contact the church of baptism and request a new copy of your child's baptismal certificate—they can mail it directly to the parish office at St John church Attention: Julia Rudden, 121 N 80th St., Seattle, WA 98103

Which mass do you usually attend? 5p.m. ___ 8:30a.m. ___ 10:30a.m. ___

Is there anything else you wish to share with us about your child or your family? Questions or Concerns?