

Summer 2018

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 Communion in the Spring. ***Your child must be a baptized Catholic to receive these 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.

Our First Communion program is a family program. Both parents and children will attend classes, with the children learning from our St John School 2nd grade teachers and the parents participating in discussion led by our Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation directors.

We aim for this program to bring families together to deepen their understanding of what we are celebrating at mass on Sundays, give parents tools to talk with their children about reconciliation – sin and forgiveness, and about the mystery of the real presence of Christ at our Eucharistic table.

First Communion will be celebrated May 4th and 5th 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 or the amount you contribute.

If your child was **not** baptized at St. John Church, we will need a 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 to register your child.

Sacramental Preparation Schedule 2018-2019

Please put these dates on your calendar

First Reconciliation Schedule

Opening Meeting Prayer Service for Parents and Children: in the Church

Monday, September 24th, 7-8 p.m.

Parent and Child Classes, second floor St. John School

Tuesday, October 9th, 7-8 p.m. –parents and children

Tuesday, October 16th, 7-8 p.m. –parents and children

Tuesday, October 23rd, 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 30th, 7-8 p.m.

First Reconciliation, Church

Saturday, November 3rd 10:00 a.m.

First Eucharist Schedule

Parent and Child Classes, second floor St. John School

Tuesday, February 12th, 7-8 p.m. (Touching Safety class: two groups, one 7-7:30 p.m.; one 7:30-8 p.m.)

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

Tuesday, March 5th, 7-8 p.m. children and parents

Tuesday, March 26th, 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 lunchroom

Tuesday, April 9th, 6-7 p.m. **or** 7-8 p.m. (your choice of session time)

Rehearsals: Held in the Church

Sunday April 28th, 11:30 a.m. (following 10:30 a.m. mass) rehearsal for children who are readers and gift bearers (must also attend main rehearsal! Please do not sign up your child for this unless they can attend both rehearsals.)

Main Rehearsal (Children only): First week of May; date TBD.

First Holy Communion, Church

May 4th at 5 p.m. Mass

May 5th at 8:30 a.m. Mass

May 5th at 10:30 a.m. Mass

First Communion Registration 2018-19

Child's Full Name _____

Name they prefer to be called _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Parent _____

Email Address (print clearly) _____

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Who does your child live with? _____

Child's School _____ Grade _____

Date of Birth _____ City/State of Birth _____

Baptismal Date _____

Church of Baptism _____

\$75 Preparation fee includes all First Reconciliation and First Communion 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?