

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

First Reconciliation & First Communion Sacraments

2021-2022 Timeline

Grade 2 Parent Meetings: Get information about your child's preparation for these sacraments. Choose **ONE** time that works for your schedule:

Wednesday, October 20, at 4:30-5:45 pm

Tuesday, October 26, at 7:00-8:30 pm

Sunday, October 24, at 9:45-10:55 am

Deadlines:

First Reconciliation/Communion Registration 2021-2022 form is due January 17, 2021. (on-line)

During class-January 5 or 9, 2022 and Homeschool/Parish Office-January 9, 2022

Turn in *The Gift of Reconciliation* booklet to child's teacher, with at least chapters 1-3 completed. Home School Families drop off child's booklet at the Parish Office sometime the week of January 9 to Sylvia Carmody.

Sunday, January 23, 2022

1:30-2:30 pm

First Reconciliation Conversation and Mock Confession (second graders & parents)

Bring completed *The Gift of Reconciliation* booklet and *Family Guide* to retreat.

The Gift of Eucharist booklet and *Family Guide* will be distributed that day.

Fr. Brian Phelps will discuss the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the parents and children. He will also discuss with the parents and children how to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**First Reconciliation Celebrations
Saturday, January 29
Anytime between 9:30-11:00 am**

Or

Attend another scheduled reconciliation time the following week.

Tuesdays from noon until 1:00 pm

Wednesdays from 4:00 pm

Saturdays from 11 am to noon

Verify parish website (sfacc.org) for scheduled times because they are subject to change.

Or

Reconciliation is also available by appointment (937) 433-1013 ext.1001

Parents present your child to Fr. Brian Phelps and/or visiting priest.

Children are expected to prepare for and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving First Communion. We want every child to have a parent present and present their child to Fr. Brian Phelps or visiting priest for First Reconciliation.

During class—**March 6 or 9, 2022 and Homeschool/Parish Office—March 6, 2022**

Turn in *The Gift of Eucharist* booklet to child's teacher, with at least chapters 1-4 completed. Home School Families drop off child's booklet at the Parish Office sometime the week of March 6 to Sylvia Carmody.

Sunday, March 6, 2022 1:30-4:30 p.m.

**First Communion Retreat: "Jesus Day 1"
(second graders & parents)**

First Communicants and their parents are invited to enjoy several activities. If need be, you may bring other children, but suggest that you make other arrangements.

Lifetouch photo forms are distributed. Pay ***Lifetouch*** when you place your order on "Jesus Day 2 with Pictures/Practice" **Sunday, April 10, 2022.**

Banner Making Workshop - - OPTIONAL

Sunday, March 20, 2022 9:45-10:45 a.m.

A parent must attend with their child.

Sunday, April 10, 2022 1:30-4:30 p.m.

**First Communion Retreat: "Jesus Day 2 with Pictures/Practice"
(second graders & parents)**

Bring completed *Gift of Eucharist* booklet, *Family Guide*, family pew banner, and change of clothes for your child after the photo session. Any other items (baptismal certificate, etc.) requested by the Faith Formation Office if you haven't already turned them in.

First Communicants and their parents are invited to enjoy a couple activities together. If need be, you may bring other children, but suggest that you make other arrangements.

Begin with First Communion Pictures.

Bring your child in clothes ready for First Communion pictures and any religious articles you would like your child to hold for pictures (crucifix, rosary, prayer books, etc.)

Lifetouch will take one large group picture which will be a wonderful memento for the parish and participants to have at **2:00 pm Individual portraits may be taken before the group portrait from 1:30-2:00 pm.** A price list will be distributed before this retreat; pay ***Lifetouch*** when you place your order on Sunday, April 10, 2022.

Practice will be part of this day. There will be another practice for the specific Mass group immediately prior to the First Communion Mass in the St. John Paul II Room (1/2 hour before First Communion Mass).

<p>Saturday, April 30, 2022 5:00 pm</p> <p>Sunday, May 1, 2022 8:30 am 11:00 am</p> <p>Sunday, May 8, 2022 8:30 am 11:00 am</p>	<p>First Communion Mass and Reception afterwards.</p> <p>Practice will be one half hour before Mass unless you are told otherwise in the St. John Paul II Room.</p> <p>“Special occasion” clothes, such as those worn at Easter would be fine. You need not buy new clothes; we trust your judgment as parents.</p>
<p>Sunday, May 15, 2022 1:00-2:00 pm First Communion Retreat: “Jesus Day 3 - Mystagogy” First Communicants and their parents are encouraged to attend.</p>	

Dates and times are subject to change.