

SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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Dear Parents of our First Communion Class:

This is the beginning of a very important and exciting time in the spiritual lives of your children as they prepare for receiving Jesus in the EUCHARIST for the first time.

We feel strongly that the primary role in the religious education for children is the one the parents carry out simply by being Christian parents. We hope the program we have planned this year will give the information, guidance, and confidence you need to carry out your role as the first and foremost teacher of your children.

In addition to the **Religious Education Classes** your child attends on **Sundays** from **9:00A.M. to 10:15A.M.**, we have planned a series of **eight special masses** for the children and their families. These will be held at the regular 10:30AM Mass on the following **Sundays**:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017	(Puppet Mass)
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017	(Breakfast with Santa)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018	(Puppet Mass)
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018	
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018	(Puppet Mass)
SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018	(Breakfast)
SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018	FIRST COMMUNION CEREMONY
SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018	MAY PROCESSION ON MOTHER'S DAY

At these Masses, the Homily will be directed to the children who are preparing for First Communion and you, their parents, as we try to relate the Eucharistic Celebration to the whole of Christian Life.

We will also have **THREE MEETINGS FOR PARENTS** to help you prepare your children for receiving **FIRST PENANCE** and **FIRST COMMUNION**. **These meetings will be held in the Parish Center immediately following the 10:30 A.M. Mass**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018
SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

Other important dates that you will want to remember for this year are as follows:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017	9:00A.M.	CCD CLASSES BEGIN
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018	11:00A.M.	FIRST PENANCE
SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018	12:00P.M.	FIRST COMMUNION CEREMONY
SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018	10:30A.M.	MAY PROCESSION

We look forward to working with you and your children this year. It is in working together that we can offer them the very best preparation for **FIRST COMMUNION!!**

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Charles H. Galligan