

Dear Parents:

All Saints Catholic Church welcomes you and your child to the beginning of the journey to the first reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist! As with many aspects of our lives during these challenging times, we must adapt, change, and be prepared for last minute alternative planning as the situation itself unfolds. The schedule and plan detailed in this letter and packet of information is subject to change as we navigate the COVID-19 best practices. We hope for a return to something closer to normal in the spring of 2021 as you will note in the enclosed information, please join us in praying for an end to the pandemic and for health and safety for all our brothers and sisters in our community and in the world. After consultation with All Saints' school & parish staff and clergy, the enclosed represents our current plan for the celebration of the 2020-2021 Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for our 2nd graders and their families.

First Reconciliation will be held on *Monday, November 30* at St. Vincent Ferrer, *Tuesday, December 1* at All Saints and *Wednesday, December 2* at All Saints. Your assignment for a First Communion Mass also indicates your assigned date for First Reconciliation (please see enclosed assignment letter). Each family will be given a staggered arrival time to ensure social distancing and small groups in the Church on these evenings. A face covering must be worn for confession to protect both the child and the confessor, the priest will wear a face covering as well.

For First Communion 2021, names have been drawn by lottery to determine your Mass assignment. This is in keeping with the parish community aspect of the sacraments as mandated by the Archdiocese. The parish community comes together to celebrate as our young people join us at the table for Eucharist. This is the first preference of our Archbishop and our Pastor in the celebration of First Communion. As many of you know, we had to celebrate First Communions in private Masses (not at our regularly scheduled Saturday/Sunday Mass times) this summer for our 2020 First Communicants. If the pandemic requires us to change Mass plans, we will go this route again for the 2021 First Communion class.

The **First Communion Masses** will take place at All Saints Church during the regular weekend liturgies: 4:30 pm on *Saturday, April 24* and 9:00 am and 11:00 am on *Sunday, April 25, 2021*. Your assigned Mass is indicated on the form included in this mailing. This year, we are at capacity for each Mass. Any concerns with your assigned time should be emailed to nchacksfield@allsaints.cc so that we can put your name on a waiting list.

Enclosed are the following forms:

- First Reconciliation and First Communion assignments
- Fee for First Reconciliation & First Communion
- 2020-2021 Sacrament Dates (meeting dates are subject to change)
- Dress attire for First Communion

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All Saints staff, teachers, catechists, and clergy are all looking forward to sharing this journey of faith with you. Please know that we will do everything in our power to ensure safe and sacred celebrations for all.

Blessings,

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