

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

Please note the following important dates and information regarding the celebration of First Holy Communion:

1. FIRST EUCHARIST/COMMUNION REHEARSAL

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| a. Sacred Heart | Saturday | 27 April 2018 3:00 p.m. |
| b. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | Wednesday | 24 April 2018 7:00 p.m. |
| c. St. Augustine | TBA | TBA |
| d. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church | TBA | TBA |
| e. St. John the Baptist Church | Wednesday | 24 April 2018 5:00 p.m. |
| f. St. Bernard Church | TBA | TBA |

2. FIRST EUCHARIST/COMMUNION

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| a. Sacred Heart | Saturday | 27 April 2018 5:00 p.m. |
| b. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | Saturday | 27 April 2018 5:30 p.m. |
| c. St. Augustine | Sunday | 28 April 2018 8:00 a.m. |
| d. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church | Sunday | 28 April 2018 8:00 a.m. |
| e. St. John the Baptist Church | Sunday | 28 April 2018 10:00 a.m. |
| f. St. Bernard Church | Sunday | 28 April 2018 10:00 a.m. |

- Requests for a **Baptism Certificate [proof of baptism]** have been sent/or will be sent soon to the parishes of baptism for all First Communicants who were not baptized at the above named parishes so I have received the baptismal information for all First Communicants.
- Suggestions for dress for First Eucharist are:
 - Boys: white shirt, black neck tie, black pants, black shoes; or a good shirt/pants (suit optional)
 - Girls: traditional white communion dress, white shoes; or a nice dress (any color or traditional white; veil is optional, gloves are not recommended).
- First Communicants will be asked to help serve as readers and gift bearers at their First Eucharist Mass. Readers and gift bearers will rehearse at the rehearsal.
- PHOTOS** [group and individual (including with the priest)] will be taken by parents or persons selected by the parents at the following time on the day of Holy Communion:
 - Sacred Heart Church AFTER Mass
 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton BEFORE Mass
 - St. Augustine AFTER Mass
 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church AFTER Mass
 - St. John the Baptist Church AFTER Mass

f. St. Bernard Church

AFTER Mass

- 7.** Items made by and for the First Communicants [i.e. Blessing Cups, banners, rosaries, card from the Bishop and the pastor, First Holy Communion Certificate, etc.] will be set on the side Altars: girls on St. Mary's Altar, boys on St. Joseph's Altar. These items may be picked up after Mass.
- 8.** All religious gifts received by the First Communicants may be brought to church the following Saturday/Sunday and Father will bless them all together as a group after Mass or by appointment.
- 9.** Enclosed you will find:
 - a. "Eucharist: History/Theological Overview"
 - b. "The Eucharist"
 - c. "Popes Clearly Say Who Can and Can't Receive Communion"
 - d. Reflection questions: "Chapter 16: The Sacrament of the Eucharist"
- 10.** Remember: you and your child are to be attending Mass [all Sundays and Holy Days]. Your attendance at Mass with your child is a great way you fulfill your Baptismal mandate to be the first teachers of your child in the ways of faith. Remember, the Eucharist is the most important thing we do as Christians.
- 11.** Remember that you are in my prayers as final preparations for First Eucharist are made!
- 12.** If you have any questions, please contact me.

I shall keep you and your children in prayer as they prepare for these sacramental events.