

† ST. JAMES PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Good afternoon Second Grade Parents!

One of the most important moments in the life of a young Catholic is the reception of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. With great joy we prepare for the reception of these Sacraments. This email contains the information and dates that we have planned for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

To begin the preparation for sacramental reception of our second graders, a parent meeting will be held February 28th at 10:15am (immediately following religious education) at the Religious Education Center (St. Hilary School). At this meeting we will discuss the logistics of the upcoming sacraments and respond to any questions regarding those events. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to this meeting if your child was baptized outside of the former parishes of Immaculate Conception and St. Hilary.

First Reconciliation for our Religious Education students will be held on Wednesday, March 10th at 6:00pm in St. Hilary Church. The students have been instructed on which Act of Contrition they should be familiar with and they will be asked to recite it as a group before Reconciliation.

Next, a First Communion practice will be held for our Religious Education students on Sunday, April 11th during our regularly scheduled religious education time (9:10am-10:15am) at St. Hilary. If your student is enrolled as a remote learner, be sure to attend in-person that day.

Lastly, the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be held for our Religious Education students on Saturday, April 17th at 12:00pm in St. Hilary Church.

Yours in Christ,

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