

2017-18

First Reconciliation & First Communion

Attendance at all sessions is expected
for the child and at least one (preferably Catholic) parent.
Please call to request childcare for younger siblings.

First Reconciliation

Sessions: 6:00-7:30pm, Parish Center

August 30
September 6, 20
October 4, 18
November 15

Celebration of the sacrament:
TBA

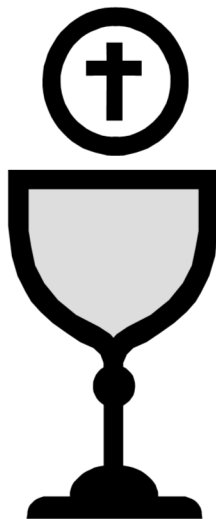
First Communion

Sessions: 6:00-7:30pm, Parish Center

January 24
February 7, 21
March 7
April 4
April 18 Rehearsal (Church)

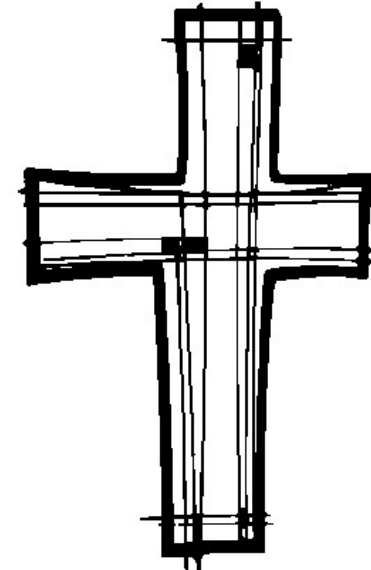
Individual portraits:
April 23 (Church)

Celebration of the sacrament:
April 29, 10:30am Mass



Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
Sacramental Preparations
2017-18

First Reconciliation & First Communion Program Information



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Customary Preparation Ages

At Our Lady of Light Parish and throughout the Diocese of Venice, the customary grade for beginning preparations for First Reconciliation and First Communion is the second grade or older. The process of preparation for Confirmation begins in grades nine or older.

Expectations

• **Weekly Mass Attendance**

The celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass) is the central point around which parish life and Faith Formation flow. **Weekly participation in the Mass is an expectation** of all children preparing to celebrate the sacraments. If you are not regularly participating in weekly Mass, please contact the office prior to registering.

We also invite and encourage your family to **be an active part** of the Mass celebration. Consider signing up your family members to serve in the roles of altar server (youth or adult), reader, greeter, usher, and Eucharistic Minister. Our Lady of Light also holds monthly “Children’s Masses” at which the children are involved with these various liturgical ministries. Contact the Office for more information.

• **Program expectations**

Children preparing for the celebration of sacraments this year:

- Must be attending Mass weekly
- Must also be registered in the Parish
- Must have actively participated in a Faith Formation program last year
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- May not miss more than two Footsteps in Faith sessions per year
- May not miss any sacramental preparation sessions

The presence of one or both parents or a grandparent, preferably Catholic, is necessary at each session of sacramental preparation. The reason for this is that for many of the sessions you work directly with your child(ren).

Preparation Components

Sacramental preparations may include learning sessions, tours, videos, all-family events, outside projects, community service, “home” work, and liturgies.

Registration

July 31st is the deadline to submit registration forms for Sacramental Preparation. Fee for First Reconciliation & Communion together: \$35.00

A late fee of \$10 will apply starting August 1st.

Your child’s Baptismal Certificate should be attached to your Sacramental Preparation Registration Form.

Registration forms are available at the Parish Office.

Communication

We will communicate with you in several ways:

- Primarily Email
- Secondly with phone call reminders
- Through our Sacrament Website (visit anytime!):
<http://ololcommunion.wikispaces.com/>

Please let the Office know if your information changes at any time this year.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Lori Crawford in the Parish Office at (239) 267-7088, x242 or by email at lori@ourladyoflight.com.

Special Times

If a member of your family is an altar server or a commissioned Eucharistic Minister in the Parish, you may request that they take part in the First Communion Mass. If you desire to participate in either of these ways, you may train and be commissioned before the First Communion Mass. Please ask at the office for details.