

## Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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### First Reconciliation/First Communion Guidelines 2017-2018

First Communion takes two years of preparation. To begin preparation, the student must be at least in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and enrolled in and attending religious education at this parish or a Catholic school. The student must be in at least 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in order to receive First Reconciliation or First Communion.

#### First Year

- ❖ **Sunday Obligation** – Parents, please ensure that your student is fulfilling their Sunday Obligation by attending Mass
- ❖ **Baptismal Certificate** – A copy of your students' baptismal certificate is required for your child to receive First Communion.
- ❖ **Faith Formation** – All students must be enrolled in and attending weekly CCE classes or be a student of a Catholic school. Students preparing for sacraments are allowed only 1 absence per semester.
- ❖ **Prayers by Heart** – Each child will receive a prayer book titled *Prayers by Heart*. This is a keepsake prayer book that will accompany your child through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Please pray daily with your student to help them learn how to pray and talk to God. They should be working on learning all of the 1<sup>st</sup> grade prayers.

#### Second Year

- ❖ **Sunday Obligation** – Parents, please ensure that your student is fulfilling their Sunday Obligation by attending Mass
- ❖ **Faith Formation** – All students must be enrolled in and attending weekly CCE classes or be a student of a Catholic school. Students preparing for sacraments are allowed only 1 absence per semester.
- ❖ **Prayers by Heart** – Each child will receive a prayer book titled *Prayers by Heart*. This is a keepsake prayer book that will accompany your child through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Please pray daily with your student to help them learn how to pray and talk to God. They should be working on learning all of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade prayers.
- ❖ **Retreats** – Students preparing for first sacraments, should attend a morning retreat for each sacrament with at least one parent.
- ❖ **Alter Cloth Square** – All 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will be given their square of the altar cloth at the First Reconciliation Retreat. All squares are collected and assembled into an altar cloth used during First Communion Mass.
- ❖ **Sacrament Practice** – Practice for each sacrament will take place in the church on the Wednesday prior to receiving the sacrament. At least one parent should attend with student

#### Older students preparing for First Sacraments (3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older)

- ❖ **Family intake interview** – Parents are asked to meet with Mrs. Leann at the beginning of their preparation to discuss the sacramental preparation process. This is a time to answer any questions, and ensure that your family and student's needs are being met.