

## Holy Spirit Catholic Church

### 2019-2020 Guidelines and Requirements for Grades 2-5 First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Program

- ATTENDING ORIENTATION IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER.** You need to ATTEND ONE OF THE SESSIONS BELOW:

*Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> in Activity B from 9:10 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.*

**OR**

*Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> in Activity B from 9:10 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.*

- Christian Formation.** Unless your child attends Catholic school, your child must be registered and attending Christian Formation at Holy Spirit. **A child preparing for sacraments should not be absent for more than 3 Christian Formation classes.** If they have more than 3 absences, the reception of the sacrament will be at the discretion of the pastor and religious education director. Classes are only an hour long so **for every two times your child is tardy for class, this counts as one unexcused absence** as this is disruptive to the teacher and classmates once class begins.
- The First Sacraments' program fee is \$50.00** (can be paid in full or in two installments of \$25.00 The cost covers both First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Books as well as the First Eucharist Banner and other materials the children and parents will receive. After registering, an email confirming your registration as well as payment instructions will be sent to you which will allow you to pay by cash, check or credit card.

Please make checks payable to *Holy Spirit Parish* and in the memo line write: *First Sacraments*. If you are paying in 2 installments, the first installment of \$25.00 is due by November 11, 2019 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of \$25.00 is due by February 17, 2020.

- ❑ **A Copy of the Baptismal Certificate due by December 8, 2019.**  
Please contact the Joseph Gurliaccio if you are not able to submit by the due date.
  
- ❑ **Sacramental preparation classes and retreats.** Children **must be present for the full duration of classes and retreats** to fulfill the diocesan requirement. There will be no make-up classes or retreats unless there are extenuating circumstances i.e. illness or a death in the family. Parents must contact the parish office prior to the class or retreat if your child will be absent.

**PLEASE NOTE: Conflict with sports and extracurricular activities will not be considered an extenuating circumstance.**

Commitment to the program is essential; if the 2019-2020 dates are not conducive to your sports/activity schedule, please consider waiting another year so that you can fully commit to the program.

- ❑ **Schedule.** In addition to attending Christian Formation, ***the following schedule fulfills the requirements of the Diocese of Richmond for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.*** Please see the First Sacraments 2019-2020 Schedule to ensure you are available for the required dates.

**If you have any questions, please contact**

**Joseph Gurliaccio (757) 468-3600 x105 / [jgurliaccio@holyspiritvb.org](mailto:jgurliaccio@holyspiritvb.org)**

# Grades 2-5 First Sacraments Schedule 2019-2020

**Parents MUST be able to commit to the following dates in order for their children to receive First Sacraments this school year.**

## **First Sacraments Orientation and Registration**

In order to register for First Sacraments, a parent must attend one of the orientation sessions below:

**Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 9:10 - 9:45 a.m. in Activity B OR  
Sunday, October 13 at 9:10 – 9:45 a.m. in Activity B**

<b><u>FIRST RECONCILIATION</u></b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Sunday, November 3, 2019</b>	<b>9:00-10:00 a.m.</b>	<b><u>First Reconciliation Parent Class</u></b> Children will attend Christian Formation as usual and receive their student workbooks during that class.
<b>Sunday, December 8</b>	<b>9:00-10:00 a.m.</b>	<b><u>Parent class for mid-term check-in</u></b> Parents meet in Activity B while children attend their regular Christian Formation classes
<b>Sunday during Christian Formation, January 12</b>	<b><u>First Reconciliation Books due</u></b> Children turn in their completed workbooks to Christian Formation teachers	
<b>Saturday, January 25, 2020</b>	<b>2nd grade:</b> 9 a.m.-11:45 a.m.  <b>3rd -5th grades:</b> 12:30 p.m.-3 p.m.	<b><u>First Reconciliation Retreat</u></b> <i>(For children only)</i> Children who are siblings and receiving First Reconciliation can all attend the afternoon session. Please reserve the time slot by contacting Abby Causey.
<b><u>Reception of the Sacrament</u></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> : Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 7:15 p.m.		

<b><u>FIRST EUCHARIST SCHEDULE</u></b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sunday February 2	9:00-10:00 a.m.	<b><u>First Eucharist Parent Class</u></b> Children will attend Christian Formation as usual and receive their student workbooks during that class.
Sunday, March 1	9:00-10:00 a.m.	<b><u>Parent class for mid-term check-in</u></b> Parents meet in Activity B while children attend their regular Christian Formation classes
Sunday <b>March 8</b> <i>(not February 2 as previously published)</i>		<b><u>First Eucharist Books due</u></b> Children turn in their completed workbooks to Christian Formation teachers
Saturday, April 25, 2020	2nd grade: 9 a.m.-11:45 a.m.  3rd -5th grades: 12:30 p.m.- 3 p.m.	<b><u>First Eucharist Retreat</u></b> <i>(For children only)</i> Children who are siblings and receiving First Reconciliation can all attend the afternoon session. Please reserve the time slot by contacting Abby Causey.
Weekends of May 16/17, 2020 May 23/24, 2020	All Masses	<b><u>Reception of the Sacrament</u></b> <b>First Eucharist Mass Celebrations</b>  <b>SIGN UPS FOR YOUR CHILD'S FIRST COMMUNION MASS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020.</b>

*No make ups will be granted unless absence is due to illness or an extenuating circumstance; please contact Joseph Gurliaccio (757) 468-3600 x105 or e-mail [jgurliaccio@holyspiritvb.org](mailto:jgurliaccio@holyspiritvb.org)*

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- CLASSES are scheduled on Sundays
- RETREATS are scheduled on Saturdays