



## PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION and EUCHARIST 2017/2018



Parent Orientation: *Attendance Required* (Parents Only)  
 Tuesday, September 19 at 6:00 in the Auditorium at the North Campus  
*Registration is not complete until parent orientation is attended!*

***When will the Sacraments be celebrated?***

First Reconciliation (Penance)	Tuesday, January 23 at 6:00pm in the church
First Communion Weekend	May 5/6 during the weekend Masses

***What is the format for the preparation and how are the parents involved?***

Parental involvement is so important to the spiritual growth of the children. When the family prays together and participates in faith formation activities together, the family grows stronger. Our Family Workshops are offered once per month with the children and parents together for the entire session, from opening prayer until the closing.

***Is there a text/curriculum for the workshops that I can look at ahead of time?***

We use a sacramental preparation program from the distinguished Catholic publisher RCL Benziger. Take some time and browse their website at [www.faithfirst.com](http://www.faithfirst.com) and click on the Sacrament icon. This will give you the opportunity to familiarize yourself with this series.

***When are the sacramental preparation workshops? And what happens if we miss one?***

We know lives are busy, but this preparation is so important to growing the faith in your family and especially in the children. There is only one workshop per month and *there are no make-up sessions!* So, please mark the family calendars!!

***I am ready to mark my family calendars, so what are the dates?***

Dates for **Reconciliation Preparation** Workshops and Events

Parent Orientation	Tues, Sept 19	6:00 pm	North Campus Auditorium
Church Search	Tues, Sept 26	6:00 pm	Church
Workshop 1	Wed, Oct 11	6:00-7:30 pm	North Campus
Workshop 2	Wed, Nov 8	6:00-7:30 pm	North Campus
Workshop 3	Wed, Dec 6	6:00-7:30 pm	North Campus
Retreat Day	Sat, Jan 20	9:00- 12:00 pm	North Campus
First Reconciliation	Tues, Jan 23	6:00pm	Church

Dates for **Eucharist Preparation** Workshops

Workshop 1	Wed, Jan 31	6:00-7:30 pm	North Campus
Workshop 2	Wed, Feb 21	6:00-7:30 pm	North Campus
Workshop 3	Wed, April 11	6:00-7:30 pm	North Campus
Jesus Day Retreat	Sat, April 28	9:00-12:00 pm	North Campus
First Communion	May 5 & 6	During each of the weekend Masses	

***Seriously...what happens if we miss a workshop?***

Sacramental preparation is serious! Please because there are no make-up sessions – this is why we try to have the schedule published far in advance. If you miss a workshop, you will need to contact the Faith Formation Office immediately at 229-1595 EXT. 204. If we do not hear from you within one week, we will have to assume that you and your child have agreed to discontinue the process for this year. This policy will be strictly adhered to. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Email: [bferreris@sacredheartfla.org](mailto:bferreris@sacredheartfla.org)