

St. Peter Church

Volo, IL



Sacrament of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

2018-2019

Information Packet

Please **READ** through this informational packet carefully and thoroughly as it contains pertinent information about the Sacrament of Penance & First Holy Communion.

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Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Guidelines

- In order to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Peter, a child must be baptized and enrolled in our Religious Education program the year prior to and the year of the First Reconciliation Program. If a family is new to the parish, and wishes to enroll in the First Reconciliation Program, parents must request a letter from their former parish detailing their child's participation in a Religious Education Program the previous year. At that point, the child may be enrolled in our program.
- Regular Mass attendance of students on Sunday and Holy Days at St. Peter's is required and essential for the development and realization of faith for our youth.
- Students will practice the formality of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday evenings during the 2nd semester.
- ***Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.***

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Guidelines

- Students traditionally receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the end of second grade and after having made the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Two consecutive years of Religious Education are required before the reception of First Holy Communion and children need to be enrolled in classes at the parish.
- Families must be registered parishioners for 6 months and regularly attend Mass at the parish.
- A copy of the candidate's baptismal certificate is required at the time of registration in the first year or preparation.
- *Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. (English) and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish).*

Special Sacramental classes are available for older students or adults who may not yet have received the sacrament. Please contact Connie Ballantine at cballantine@archchicago.org for more information.

Regular Mass attendance of students on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation at St. Peter's Parish is required and essential for the development and realization of faith for our youth.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RECEPTION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Students are required to have knowledge and understanding of the requirements listed below.

<u>PRAYERS TO MEMORIZE</u> Sign of the Cross Hail Mary Our Father Glory Be St. Michael the Archangel Act of Contrition	<u>KNOW THE 7 SACRAMENTS</u> Baptism Confirmation Holy Eucharist Penance/Confession Holy Matrimony Holy Orders Anointing of the Sick
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KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

1. I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods besides me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord God in vain
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day
4. Honor your father and your mother
5. You shall not kill
6. You shall not commit adultery
7. You shall not steal
8. You shall not bear false witness
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods

KNOW THE FORM FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/PENANCE

Venial Sin – small sins that injure our relationship with God

Mortal Sin – Serious sin that remove sanctifying grace and break our relationship with God.

UNDERSTAND THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/PENANCE

We must tell our sins to the priest because he cannot forgive sins unless they are told to Him. We need forgiveness of sins because it breathes God's life back into us and fills us with God's grace so we can receive the Holy Eucharist.

UNDERSTAND THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We must receive the Holy Eucharist in order to have eternal life with God in Heaven.

KNOW THE 2 GREAT COMMANDMENTS OF LOVE

1. You Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with they whole heart, and with they whole sole, and with they whole mind, and with they whole strength.
2. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

KNOW THE GOLDEN RULE

“Do unto others as they would do unto you.”

One should treat others as he/she would like to be treated.

Testing Dates for Students

Testing Date	Materials being tested on:
February 12, 19	Act of Contrition
March 12, 26	Seven Sacraments
April 9	Penance, 2 Great Commandments & Golden Rule
April 16	Final First Communion Test (verbal & written)
May 7	Discussion and Saints

First Holy Communion Mass Form

Two group Masses will be offered for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in English & Spanish.

We encourage all of our families to participate in one of the group ceremonies. However, you do have the opportunity to request a Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday in May with the exclusion of the 9:30 Mass on May 6. We will do our best to accommodate your needs in this matter.

Please complete and return to Mrs. Jennifer Gammel by Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

Child's Name: _____

May 4, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m. (Ordinary Form English) _____

May 4, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m. (Ordinary Form Spanish) _____

Saturday Evening or Sunday Mass in May:

Date: _____ **Time:** _____

Return by Tuesday, February 19

Practice for First Holy Communion
Enrollment in the Brown Scapular
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, April 27 @ 10:00 a.m.

Listed below is a schedule of events that will take place on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. for all communicants.

1. Students must arrive by 9:45 a.m. and come directly to the school building (not the St. Joseph building). Parents should wait in the church.
2. The catechist will discuss the process with the students. Students will line-up accordingly and walk over to the church as a group to begin the practice at 10:00 a.m.
3. Following the practice, students will be enrolled in the Brown Scapular Confraternity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel up at the altar.
(Brown Scapulars will be provided).
4. Students will make the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
5. Light refreshments will follow in the school.

First Holy Communion & Ceremony

Saturday, May 4 @ 10:00 a.m. (English)

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. Please have your communicant arrive no later than 9:45 a.m. and have them come directly to the school.

Our Catechist, Mrs. Jennifer Gammel, and assistant Mrs. Marines Hesslau, will be in the school to get the students lined up and ready to proceed over to the church. The class will walk over as a group.

There is a total of ____ students receiving their First Holy Communion. The first couple rows on each side of the aisle will be reserved for the students, girls will be on the left and boys will be on the right. The rows directly behind the students will be reserved ONE each for immediate families which will be indicated by last name. The seating behind all the reserved family seating will be open to other family members, relatives and friends who will be joining us.

Dress Code for Girls

White dress, veil and/or tiara and dress shoes.

Parents, kindly retain purses or other accessories with you until after Mass. They tend to be a distraction during the Mass & ceremony.

Dress Code for Boys

Suits OR dress pants, white shirt, tie and dress shoes.

Photos

After the ceremony, a group photo of all the communicants will be taken up at the altar. Following the group photo, families may take individual pictures.

First Holy Communion Certificate & Gift

Students can pick up their certificate and gift in the school after the ceremony.

First Holy Communion & Ceremony

Saturday, May 4 @ 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, May 4 at 1:00 p.m. Please have your communicant arrive no later than 12:30 p.m. and have them come directly to the school.

Our Catechist, Mrs. Jennifer Gammel and catechist assistant, Mrs. Marines Hesslau, will be in the school to get the students lined up and ready to proceed over to the church. The class will walk over as a group.

The first couple rows on each side of the aisle will be reserved for the students, sponsors and their families. The seating behind will be open to other family members, relatives and friends who will be joining us.

Dress Code for Girls

White dress, veil and/or tiara and dress shoes.

Please do not have your child bring a purse or other accessories with her to the pew – kindly retain these items until after Mass.

Dress Code for Boys

Suits OR dress pants, white shirt, tie and dress shoes.

Photos

After the ceremony, a group photo of all the communicants will be taken up at the altar. Following the group photo, families may take individual pictures.

First Holy Communion Certificate & Gift

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Religious Education Calendar
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.
2018-2019

DATE	DAY	SCHEDULE
September 4	Tuesday	FAMILY ORIENTATION @ 6:00 pm FIRST CLASS @ 6:30
September 11	Tuesday @ 6:30pm	CLASS
September 18	Tuesday	CLASS
September 25	Tuesday	CLASS
October 2	Tuesday	CLASS
October 9	Tuesday	CLASS
October 16	Tuesday	CLASS
October 23	Tuesday	CLASS
October 30	Tuesday	CLASS
November 6	Tuesday	CLASS
November 13	Tuesday	CLASS
November 20	Tuesday	NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING WEEK
November 27	Tuesday	CLASS
December 4	Tuesday	CLASS
December 11	Tuesday	CLASS
December 18	Tuesday	CLASS
December 25	Tuesday	NO CLASS – CHRISTMAS DAY
January 1	Tuesday	NO CLASS – NEW YEARS DAY
January 8	Tuesday	CLASS
January 15	Tuesday	CLASS
January 22	Tuesday	CLASS
January 29	Tuesday	CLASS
February 5	Tuesday	CLASS
February 12	Tuesday	CLASS (Testing: Act of Contrition)

February 19	Tuesday	CLASS (Testing: Act of Contrition)
February 26	Tuesday	CLASS
March 5	Tuesday	CLASS
March 12	Tuesday	CLASS (Testing: Seven Sacraments)
March 19	Tuesday	NO CLASS – FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH
March 26	Tuesday	CLASS (Testing: Seven Sacraments)
April 2	Tuesday	CLASS
April 9	Tuesday	CLASS (Testing: Penance, 2 Great Commandments & Golden Rule)
April 13	Saturday	CONFIRMATION RETREAT
April 16	Tuesday	CLASS (Testing: Final First Communion Test)
April 23	Tuesday	NO CLASS – EASTER OCTAVE
April 27	Saturday	FIRST CONFESSION, ENROLLMENT IN THE BROWN SCAPULAR AND PRACTICE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
April 30	Tuesday	CLASS
May 4	Saturday	First Holy Communion 10AM (ENGLISH) 1PM (SPANISH)
May 5	Sunday	May Crowning of BVM at 9:30 a.m. Mass
May 7	Tuesday	LAST CLASS (Discussion & Saints)
May 9	Thursday	PRACTICE for CONFIRMATION 6:30 PM
May 10	Friday	CONFIRMATION 6:30 PM

May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday, May 5, 2019

@ 9:30 a.m. Mass

The May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother Mary will be held on Sunday, May 5, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. ALL First Holy Communicants are invited and encouraged to participate in this beautiful tradition of the Catholic Church.

- Students are to meet in the back of the church (vestibule) at least ten minutes prior to the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The CRE and catechist will be there to help coordinate the procession.
- Students may bring long stem flowers (although not required) to be placed in the vase at the foot of Mary's altar during the ceremony.
- One student will be chosen to carry the crown.
- Once Mass begins, the students will proceed into the church behind the altar servers and ahead of the priest.
- The Crowning of Mary will immediately take place at Mary's altar where students will place the flowers one at a time in the vases provided on the floor of the altar.
- After the crowning, students will walk back slowly and sit with their families in the pews.

Please wear your First Holy Communion attire.