



St. Christopher Catholic Church

office of Faith Formation

August 2018 – May 2019

Schedule for the preparation of
First Reconciliation (Confession) and
First Eucharist (Holy Communion) for Grades 7th thru 12th

The goal of St. Christopher church is to empowering and equipping households (individuals, couples, and families) to live their faith at home and in the world. Parents should participate in the six weeks of parent session and the following workshops that are designed to help with preparing their child for the sacraments. Parents will need to purchase the resources called Call to Celebrate First Reconciliation at a cost of \$25.00 dollars. The household materials should be done at home and with the help of the parents.

What we expect of each families is:

- ✠ Apply faith to daily life.
- ✠ Learn Scripture and Catholic Traditions as followers of Jesus Christ.
- ✠ Pray together as a family using varies forms of prayer and attend Sunday mass regularly.

Parent Orientation Meeting

The orientation is only for parents with a child in his/her second year of faith formation

September 10, 2018 7:00 – 9:00 PM in English at Domas Hall

September 11, 2018 9:00 – 11:00 AM in Spanish at Domas Hall
7:00 – 9:00 PM in Spanish at Domas Hall

Reconciliation Workshop for parents

October 18, 2018 7:00 – 9:00 PM in English at Domas Hall

October 22, 2018 9:00 – 11:00 AM in Spanish at Domas Hall
7:00 – 9:00 PM in Spanish at Domas Hall

Reconciliation Evaluations for families will be schedule in the month of December, 2018

Eucharist workshop for parents

February 14, 2019 7:00 – 9:00 PM in English at Domas Hall

February 21, 2019 9:00 – 11:00 AM in Spanish at Domas Hall
7:00 – 9:00 PM in Spanish at Domas Hall

Eucharist Evaluations for families will be schedule in the month of March, 2019

First Communion Retreat for parents and student

March 9, 2019 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Main Church

April 13, 2019 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Main Church

Baptismal certificate is due before December 14, 2018

Family Covenant for

At Home Preparation for the

Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist

Hints for Successful Preparation: You know your child and your family situation better than anyone else. You, as the parent, are to go over each chapter prior to sitting down with your child/children. Once you are clear about the theme for the sessions and you know that you most want to share with your child, use the materials in the way that you know will most benefit you and your child/children.

A Family Affair: Involve as many people in the family as you can with each session. Your child will benefit from listening and interacting with other family members. It is an opportunity for your entire family to grow together in faith.

Timing: Set aside a schedule of times when you will meet with your child and other family members. Make a point to affirm these times as *special* or *sacred*. Do not feel you have to cover an entire chapter at one time. Do what works best for your family.

Enjoy Yourself: Make this a conversational, storytelling time. Think of ways to make this time together enjoyable. Think about including grandparents or godparents.

The Process

Each session in the child's Reconciliation/Eucharist book (*Un Llamado a Celebrar La Reconciliación y La Eucaristía*) is divided into four sections: ***Celebrate*** (green edged pages), ***Remember*** (blue edged pages), ***Live*** (purple edged pages), and ***Faith at Home*** (yellow edged pages).

Celebrate: The celebrations or prayers or rituals are an essential element to each session. Be sure to go over them before you meet with your child.

- Involve others in the readings, prayers, and ritual actions.
- Choose a place in the home where there can be movement if the prayer requires it. (A procession may be a part of the ritual. If not gather around a prayer table.)
- Ask a family member to prepare the table in advance by putting perhaps a table cloth, Bible and candle in place.
- After the prayer or ritual there is a place for your child to “reflect” on what was done. Give them time to write down what they are thinking.

Remember: (This sections has both Scripture and content on Doctrine and Liturgy.)

Scripture: Read the Scripture directly from your Bible or adapted as in your child’s book.

- Some of these stories lend themselves to acting out or dramatization. Ask other family members to join in.
- At the end of the Scripture reading in the “blue” Sacrament book you will find two questions. Talk about these together and then have your child write his/her answer in the book.

Doctrine and Liturgy: The next two pages go over doctrinal points and explain about the parts of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in chapters 1-6 and about the celebration of Mass and receiving Eucharist (Holy Communion) in chapters 7-14.

You or a family member may choose to read these pages aloud or have the child read them. They can also be summarized.

Discuss the material on these pages one paragraph at a time.

Have your child write answers in the book to any questions that are in the book.

Following chapters 1-6 in the book is additional information about the 10 Commandments, prayers, how to confess, illustrated glossary, etc. Please be sure to go over that material also.

Following chapters 7-14 in the book are prayers, the outline of the Mass and all of the responses used during the Mass, also how to receive Eucharist (Holy Communion). It is important to go over all of that material also.

Live: This page gives your child a chance to **respond** to all that was covered in the chapter. They are to write their response in the book. There is also a **Closing Blessing**. Have all present participate.

Faith at Home: This page has suggested family activities that have some aspect of outreach. The important thing is to connect what you are learning to living it in our daily lives.

What is expected:

- You will attend weekly Mass with your family.
- You will spend time praying together. The children should know the Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be to the Father, Act of Contrition and the Creed.
- You will purchase the (blue) sacrament book and take the time and work through the book and see that your child is doing all of the written work in the book.
- Assessment times for both Reconciliation and Eucharist will be given.
- At that time you would drop off your child for the assessment and bring the blue book completed as described above.
- You will attend required parent sessions and sacrament preparation meetings as listed on your Faith formation calendar and in the bulletin.