

Holy Ghost Catholic Church

July 13, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is a special time for your children and your families, as well as for our parish. As your children begin preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion, we want to make sure that you have all of the resources and information you need. To this end, we have scheduled a mandatory meeting that will be held at two different times and days for all parents and guardians. The meeting will be held on **Monday, October 1, 2018 at 12N and 6p.m.** and then on **Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 12N and 6p.m.** (You must attend one of these meetings only). At this meeting, you will be given a dual workbook and booklet set for First Reconciliation and First Communion of which there is a \$25 fee. *If you already have these workbooks from an older sibling, you do not need to purchase a new set; it is your choice.*

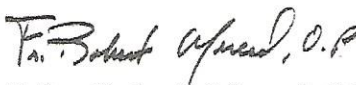
We will meet again with you and your child on **Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 9a.m. to 12noon** in the Parish Hall for the **First Reconciliation & First Communion Retreat**. This retreat will consist of activity centers for you and your child to better understand and prepare for these sacraments. It is of utmost importance that you, the primary educators of your children, take the time to review the material in the workbook provided as it helps to further discussion with your child.


We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Thursday, December 6th at 6pm** or you may attend one of the Advent Penance Services in our deanery (dates are listed on the "Important Dates" document). *Parents are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Communal Advent Penance Service.*


The enrollment form for First Communion (*this form must be returned by Monday, September 24th*), an outline of the preparation dates for First Reconciliation and First Communion, and a copy of the Act of Contrition (*your child should know this by the time the Sacrament of Reconciliation is received*) can be found on the church website: www.hgchurch.org, click on **Sacramental Prep**, and scroll down to **First Communion**. For your convenience, the registration form and the list of important dates are attached. Please mark your calendars... First Communion is scheduled for the weekend of **February 9th & 10th at the 4pm & 6pm (Spanish) Masses on Saturday and 7:30am, 9:30am, and 11:30am Masses on Sunday.** *Please sign-up for the Mass day/time you prefer (up to 25-30 children per mass). This will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.*

We hope this information is helpful to you. If you should need any other information, please do not hesitate to contact me by either phone or email. Thank you for the opportunity to help guide your child and family through this sacramental preparation. By learning more about the sacraments of reconciliation and eucharist, may you actively guide and prepare your child to celebrate it.

Respectfully,


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First Reconciliation and First Communion Important Dates 2018-19

Registration Forms (go to www.hgchurch.org, click on [Sacramental Prep](#), scroll down to *First Communion*, complete the fill-able form and return it with a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate)

Return to: *School or Trisha's office*

Due: **Monday, September 24, 2018**

Mandatory Reconciliation & Communion Parent Meeting

(Parents/Guardians Only—must attend **one** of these meetings)

Location: *Parish Hall Annex*

Monday, October 1, 2018 12N and 6 p.m.

Tuesday, October 2, 2018 12N and 6 p.m.

Mandatory Reconciliation & Communion Retreat (Parents/Guardians and child)

Location: *Parish Hall*

Saturday, November 3, 2018 9am to 12N

First Reconciliation (please sign up your child for one of the service dates listed below)

***Parents are encouraged to participate in this sacrament during the Communal Penance Service in Advent.**

Location: *Holy Ghost Church*

Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 6pm at Holy Ghost OR attend one of the Advent Penance Services in our Deanery (all services start at 6pm):

December 4—St. Joseph, Ponchatoula

December 5—St. Helena, Amite

December 11—St. Stephen, Maurepas

December 12—Mater Dolorosa, Independence

December 19—St. Margaret's, Albany

First Communion

Location: *Holy Ghost Church*

- **February 9th & 10th**, Saturday Masses at 4pm, 6pm (Spanish)
- Sunday Masses: 9:30am & 11:30am Masses
(25-30 children per mass, signup on a first-come, first-serve basis)

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Student Information:

E-MAIL(s): _____

Student: _____
First
Middle
Last

Address: _____ Phone: () _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School: _____ #Years Religious Ed. _____

Sex: M F Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Place of Birth: _____
City, State

Church of Baptism: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Copy of Certificate: Yes No Date of Baptism: ____/____/____/____

****Please indicate which date you will be receiving the sacrament of reconciliation (Check one) ****

Reconciliation: Thursday, Dec. 6th at 6pm _____ or Advent Penance Service in Deanery _____

****Please indicate which mass you will be receiving the sacrament (Check one) ****

**Eucharist: Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 4pm _____, or 6pm Mass (Hispanic) _____
 Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 7:30am _____, 9:30am _____, 11:30am _____**

Workbook fee: \$25 (includes family packet & workbook for Reconciliation & First Communion)

Family Information:

Registered: Yes No

Church Parish: _____ ID# _____

Father's Full Name: _____ Phone: _____
Cell

Mother's Full MAIDEN Name: _____ Phone: _____
Cell

SIBLINGS:

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>AGE/GRADE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

****This form must be returned with a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate****

The Act of Contrition

My God,

I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,

I have sinned against you whom I should love
above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help,

to do penance,

to sin no more,

and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.

In His name, my God, have mercy.