

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIRST RECONCILIATION

- Tuesday, February 6th, 2018 at 6:00pm for all Second Grade Students/SJCS & PSR
- Wednesday, February 7th, 2018 at 6:00pm for all PSR Students, Grades 3-8

Palanca “Love” Letter

A Palanca is Spanish; it means to give lift, to rise. Parents are asked to write a “love” letter of encouragement to your child. This letter is an opportunity to express and emphasize qualities about him/her that demonstrates the goodness, love and joy your child has brought to the family. A short prayer may be included as the family moves closer to God on this faith filled journey. Stationary has been provided in the folder for you to use.

Once your child receives First Reconciliation, completes their assigned penance and returns to their parents in the pew, you will then present the letter your child.

Dress code

Sunday Dress/Casual is appropriate.

Reconciliation for Parents

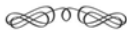
Parents attending the ceremony are invited to receive Reconciliation. Please wait until the children have received and go to a line where there are no children. What a powerful witness to your child!

Snack

Once your child has received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and you have given him/her the Palanca Letter, you are invited to go to the Gathering Area outside the church for a little snack which will conclude the evening’s events.

Photography

Please do not take pictures during the ceremony. You may take them once you are outside to capture the memories of this special event.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Mass Selection

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on two Sundays at 1:00 PM.

- English Mass - April 29, 2018
- Spanish/Bilingual (Homily will be in Spanish and English) Mass – May 6, 2018

Dress Code

Boys: Suit consisting of a matching jacket and slacks, dress shirt, tie, and dress shoes. No casual slacks and blazers.

Girls: Tea-length dress (no trains) with closed-toe dress shoes. No spaghetti straps. Shoulders need to be covered. Veils are optional. No sandals or gloves.

Photography

Photography and videography is not allowed in the church.

Paul Careccia will be taking a photograph of each child during the Mass. One group picture combined with an individual photo will be provided as gratis. Other photographs will be taken on the day in the Family Center by appointment. All appointments and payments are to be made directly with photographer.

Certificate/ Reception

Please join us for a reception and to receive the First Holy Communion Certificate following the Eucharist in the Family Center.

Good Shepherd Gift Shop

There are a variety of First Communion items available for purchase in the Gift Shop. It is open after each weekend Mass.

