

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church
First Confession and First Communion 2018-19

Reminders for Parents:

1. All First Communion Candidates should display a sincere **desire** to learn more about our Catholic faith and an age-appropriate **knowledge** of the Sacraments of Confession and Communion before receiving the Sacraments.
2. Regardless of their age or grade level, all First Communion Candidates must **memorize and recite traditional, sacred prayers**. Several of those prayers are used in the preparation for, during, or in the assigned penances after Confession, and must be memorized and recited for our Prayer Partners **before First Confession**:
 - The Sign of the Cross, The Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, Glory Be, the Ten Commandments, Act of Contrition, Brief Examination of Conscience, and the "Bless Me, Father" conversation
3. The rest of the prayers must be memorized and recited **before First Communion Mass**:
 - Prayer before Meals, Angel of God, and the Apostles' Creed
4. During the parent meetings, parents will be encouraged to sign up (in advance) their candidates for **Prayer Appointments** (see Items #2-3). If not, Mrs. Frances will call parents to schedule one or more appointments during the school holidays or after school dismissal throughout the school year.
5. **Class/Activities schedule notes**:
 - Two of this year's Sacramental Prep classes for candidates (on nights with parent meetings) will begin at 6:30 p.m. instead of 6:00.
 - The Confession Retreat will end at 7:30 p.m. instead of 7:00.
 - The Communion Retreat is on the same day as the First Communion Mass/Reception!

Dress Code for First Confession (all eligible Candidates in Grades 2-12)

Day/Date: Thursday, January 24, 2019

Time: First Confession Candidates and a parent must be present in church at 6:30 p.m.

Acceptable: nice slacks or jeans; dress shirt or polo shirt; modest skirt and blouse with sleeves; modest dress with sleeves; socks or stockings, clean closed toe and closed heel shoes. **NOTE:** A clean school uniform shirt and pants (not shorts) is acceptable!

Unacceptable: distressed jeans, capris, shorts, t-shirts, athletic clothing; flip flops

Dress Code for First Communion (all eligible Candidates in Grades 2-12)

Day/Date: Sunday, April 28, 2019

Time: 5:00 p.m. Mass; First Communion Candidates must be present and ready to line up in the Church Parish Hall at 4:40 p.m.

Girls: modest white dress with sleeves, white Communion veil, white socks or stockings, white closed toe and closed heel shoes; gloves are optional (NOTE: No purses or dangling earrings. Teenage candidates may wear a very light application of makeup.)

Boys: black dress pants; white long-sleeve, button-down dress shirt; black socks; black dress shoes (no tennis shoes); black tie