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Tuesday, October 2, 2018 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

AGENDA

- 1) **Registration Night Checklist**
- 2) **Goal of First Communion Program**
- 3) **First Holy Communion Teachers**
- 4) **Enrolment Ceremony Dates**
- 5) **Parents' Meetings**
- 6) **First Holy Communion Saturday Classes**
- 7) **First Confession Ceremony Dates**
- 8) **First Communion Ceremony Dates**
- 9) **Mass Times at St. Joseph the Worker Parish**
- 10) **Confession Times at St. Joseph the Worker Parish**

1) **REGISTRATION NIGHT**

Checklist:

- Provided a **PHOTOCOPY** of your child's Baptismal Certificate
- Complete Registration Form in the Parish Hall in the basement.
- Pay Fee of \$75.00 (Cash, Cheque, Debit, or Credit accepted).

2) **GOAL OF FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM**

Our First Communion Program is structured to form a young Catholic Christian who knows how to make decisions based on the Commandments of Jesus Christ. This is accomplished by developing a positive and intimate relationship with the Church, their Spiritual Family. In this context, they will be encouraged to:

1. Read the Bible on a regular basis.
2. Attend Mass every weekend and goes to Confession on a regular basis.
3. Actively participate in the life and mission of our faith community.

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3) FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TEACHERS

Catholic School Students
LEAD CATECHIST



MRS. LUCIE FANK

Public / Private School Students
LEAD CATECHISTS



MS. MELYSSA FERLISI

4) ENROLMENT CEREMONY DATES

Parents and First Communion Children (known as "First Communicants") will attend any one of the Masses on the weekend of **October 6/October 7, 2018** with their "**Enrolment Form**" (See attached) to be formally enrolled into the program before the congregation. Pick any one of these masses to attend:

- **Saturday, October 6, 2018 - 5:00 PM**
- **Sunday, October 7, 2018 - 10:30 AM**
- **Sunday, October 7, 2018 - 12:30 PM**

NOTE: Attendance of Parents and First Communicants at the Enrolment Ceremony is **MANDATORY**.

5) PARENTS' MEETINGS

Parents of First Communicants (Public, Private, and Catholic Schools) are to attend mandatory meetings as a complementary resource to the Communion Classes. At least one parent is required to attend the Parent Meetings. **Attendance is mandatory.** Lack of attendance will result in the Holy Communion Ceremony being postponed to the following year.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS

- **MEETING 1: Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**
- **MEETING 2: Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM***
- **MEETING 3: Saturday, March 30 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**
- **MEETING 4: Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

PUBLIC / PRIVATE SCHOOL PARENTS

- **MEETING: Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM***

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*SPEAKER ON FEBRUARY 23: DR. JESSICA TAI

Dr. Jessica Chan Tai is an expert on Clinical Developmental Psychology. She specializes in the assessment and treatment of children, adolescents and families struggling with mental health concerns, including anxiety, depression, parent-child relationship and attachment difficulties, school refusal, and obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD).

Currently, Dr. Chan Tai works as a Psychologist at the Toronto Catholic District School Board, and as a private practitioner through McLean Psychology Centre.

Dr. Chain Tai has research expertise in the areas of immigration and acculturation and studies maternal-child health from a cross-cultural perspective. She is also an active parishioner at St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

6) FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SATURDAY CLASSES

NOTE: In order for your child to receive optimal formation in preparation for the Sacraments, it is important for parents to communicate to the Catechists if your child has any special needs or learning disabilities. We offer an adaptive program for such cases.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

First Communicants are expected to attend Preparation Classes **on Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM** beginning **Saturday, January 12, 2019** and ending **Saturday, May 4, 2019** (excluding Family Day Weekend, March Break, and Easter Weekend). See full Schedule below.

Note: Attendance to all classes is **mandatory**. REMINDER: If a student misses more than **TWO CLASSES**, the Holy Communion Ceremony will be postponed to the following year.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL CLASS DATES

CLASS 1: Saturday, January 12, 2019

CLASS 2: Saturday, January 19, 2019

CLASS 3: Saturday, January 26, 2019

CLASS 4: Saturday, February 2, 2019

CLASS 5: Saturday, February 9, 2019

NO CLASS: Saturday, February 16, 2019 (Family Day)

CLASS 6: Saturday, February 23, 2019

CLASS 7: Saturday, March 2, 2019

NO CLASS: Saturday, March 9, 2019 (March Break)

NO CLASS: Saturday, March 16, 2019 (March Break)

CLASS 8: Saturday, March 23, 2019

CLASS 9: Saturday, March 30, 2019

CLASS 10: Saturday, April 6, 2019

NO CLASS: Saturday, April 13, 2019 (Palm Sunday Weekend)

NO CLASS: Saturday, April 20, 2019 (Easter Weekend)

CLASS 11: Saturday, April 27, 2019

CLASS 12: Saturday, May 4, 2019

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PUBLIC / PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS

First Communicants are expected to attend Preparation Classes on **Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM** beginning **Saturday, October 13, 2018** and ending **Saturday, April 27, 2019** (excluding Christmas break, Family Day Weekend, March break, and Easter Weekend). See full Schedule below.

Note: Since children of public/private schools do not receive Religion Classes as part of their school curriculum, their classes begin earlier in the fall and will be on a weekly basis until spring. Attendance to all classes is **mandatory**. REMINDER: If a student misses more than **TWO CLASSES**, the Holy Communion Ceremony will be postponed to the following year.

PRIVATE/ PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASS DATES

CLASS 1: Saturday, October 13, 2018

CLASS 2: Saturday, October 20, 2018

CLASS 3: Saturday, October 27, 2018

CLASS 4: Saturday, November 3, 2018

CLASS 5: Saturday, November 10, 2018

CLASS 6: Saturday, November 17, 2018

CLASS 7: Saturday, November 24, 2018

CLASS 8: Saturday, December 1, 2018

CLASS 9: Saturday, December 8, 2018

CLASS 10: Saturday, December 15, 2018

NO CLASS: Saturday, December 22, 2018 (Christmas Break)

NO CLASS: Saturday, December 29, 2018 (Christmas Break)

NO CLASS: Saturday, January 5, 2019 (Christmas Break)

CLASS 11: Saturday, January 12, 2019

CLASS 12: Saturday, January 19, 2019

CLASS 13: Saturday, January 26, 2019

CLASS 14: Saturday, February 2, 2019

NO CLASS: Saturday, February 9, 2019

CLASS 15: Saturday, February 16, 2019

CLASS 16: Saturday, February 23, 2019

CLASS 17: Saturday, March 2, 2019

NO CLASS: Saturday, March 9, 2019 (March Break)

NO CLASS: Saturday, March 16, 2019 (March Break)

CLASS 18: Saturday, March 23, 2019

CLASS 19: Saturday, March 30, 2019

CLASS 20: Saturday, April 6, 2019

CLASS 21: Saturday, April 13, 2019

NO CLASS: Saturday, April 20, 2019 (Easter Weekend)

CLASS 22: Saturday, April 27, 2019

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7) FIRST CONFESSION CEREMONY DATES

Sacrament of Reconciliation = First Confession. A number of priests will be in attendance to hear your children's first confessions.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

PRIVATE / PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019

Time: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

8) FIRST COMMUNION CEREMONY DATES

CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

1. Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 1:30 PM

2. Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 1:30 PM

NOTE: Parents have the option of selecting which date they would like their child to receive their First Holy Communion. Selection of date will be done at Registration Night.

PUBLIC / PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 1:30 PM

9) MASS TIMES AT ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 9:00 AM Mass Bilingual

Monday-Friday (except Thursdays): 7:00 PM Mass in English

Saturday: 5:00 PM Mass in English

Sunday: 9:00 AM Mass in Italian

10:30 AM Mass in English

12:30 PM Mass in English

10) CONFESSION TIMES AT ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

- **Every Saturday from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.**
- **Advent Confessions: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 between 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM**
- **Lent Confessions : Wednesday, March 27, 2019, between 7:00 PM-9:00 PM**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

EVENT	DATE	TIME
Enrollment Ceremony	Saturday, October 6, 2018 @ 5PM or Sunday, October 7, 2018 @ 10:30AM or 12:30PM	Pick convenient Mass time
Class #1	Saturday, January 12, 2019	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Class #2	Saturday, January 19, 2019	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
PARENTS' MEETING	Saturday, January 26, 2019	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Class #3		
Class #4	Saturday, February 2, 2019	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Class #5	Saturday, February 9, 2019	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
NO CLASS (Family Day Weekend)	Saturday, February 16, 2019 (Family Day Weekend)	
PARENTS' MEETING	Saturday, February 23, 2019	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Class #6		
Class #7	Saturday, March 2, 2019	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
First Confessions	Tuesday, March 5, 2019	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
NO CLASS (March Break)	Saturday, March 9, 2019 (Saturday before March Break)	
NO CLASS (March Break)	Saturday, March 16, 2019 (Saturday of March Break)	
Class #8	Saturday, March 23, 2019	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Class #9	Saturday, March 30, 2019	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
PARENTS' MEETING		
Class #10	Saturday, April 6, 2019	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
NO CLASS (Holy Week)	Saturday, April 13, 2019 (Palm Saturday)	
NO CLASS (Holy Week)	Saturday, April 20, 2019 (Holy Saturday)	
Class #11	Saturday, April 27, 2019	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
PARENTS' MEETING		
Class #12	Saturday, May 4, 2019	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
First Communion: Catholic Schools	Saturday, May 11, 2019	1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
First Communion: Catholic Schools	Saturday, May 18, 2019	1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS: PUBLIC / PRIVATE SCHOOLS

EVENT	DATE	TIME
Enrollment Ceremony	Saturday, October 6, 2018 @ 5PM or Sunday, October 7, 2018 @ 10:30AM or 12:30PM	Pick convenient Mass time
Class #1	Saturday, October 13, 2018	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Class #2	Saturday, October 20, 2018	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Class #3	Saturday, October 27, 2018	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Class #4	Saturday, November 3, 2018	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Class #5	Saturday, November 10, 2018	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Class #6	Saturday, November 17, 2018	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Class #7	Saturday, November 24, 2018	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Class #8	Saturday, December 1, 2018	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Class #9	Saturday, December 8, 2018	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Class #10	Saturday, December 15, 2018	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
NO CLASS (Christmas Break)	Saturday, December 22, 2018 - January 5, 2019 (Christmas Break)	
Class #11	Saturday, January 12, 2019	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Class #12	Saturday, January 19, 2019	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Class #13	Saturday, January 26, 2019	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Class #14	Saturday, February 2, 2019	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Class #15	Saturday, February 9, 2019	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
NO CLASS (Family Day Weekend)	Saturday, February 16, 2019 (Family Day Weekend)	
Class #16	Saturday, February 23, 2019	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Class #17	Saturday, March 2, 2019	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
NO CLASS (March Break)	Saturday, March 9, 2019 (Saturday before March Break)	
NO CLASS (March Break)	Saturday, March 16, 2019 (Saturday of March Break)	
Class #18	Saturday, March 23, 2019	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Class #19	Saturday, March 30, 2019	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Class #20	Saturday, April 6, 2019	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Class #21	Saturday, April 13, 2019	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
NO CLASS (Holy Week)	Saturday, April 20, 2019 (Holy Saturday)	
Class #22	Saturday, April 27, 2019	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
FIRST CONFESSION		11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
First Communion: Public/Private Schools	Saturday, May 4, 2019	1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

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ENROLLMENT PROMISE

* OUR FAMILY'S COPY *

(DO NOT SUBMIT)

**Post this Promise at a place in your home where you can be reminded of it continually
(ie. Mirror, Bedroom Door, Fridge, etc.)**

BEFORE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOUR AND OUR JUDGE,
OUR FAMILY MAKES THE FOLLOWING PROMISES:

1. Our family go to Sunday Mass EVERY week.
2. Our family will attend the Parent Meetings, Confession Nights, and Saturday Classes. Our child will participate in them to the best of our ability.
3. Our family will pray regularly.
4. Our family will read and study the Bible regularly especially the Commandments of Jesus Christ and will make an effort to better understand and live out our faith.
5. Our family will commit to making decisions based on the Commandments of Jesus Christ.

In keeping with the terms of these promises, we ask for the assistance of our spiritual family and the grace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Signature of Father: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Mother: _____ Date: _____

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* CHURCH COPY *

This form is to be presented by the First Communicant with his/her family at any English Mass on Saturday, October 6 or Sunday, October 7, 2018.

(To be filled out by the parents of First Communicants – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

My child's name is _____

Age: _____ He/She attends _____ School

We live at _____
(Complete Home Address)

My child was baptized at _____ Church on _____
(Name of Church where you child was Baptized) (Day/Month/Year)

located at _____
(Church's full address, including Postal Code)

We attend the ☐ 5:00 PM Saturday English Mass ☐ 9:00 AM Sunday Italian Mass
☐ 10:30 AM Sunday English Mass ☐ 12:30 PM Sunday English Mass

Registration Envelope #: _____

Name of Parents: _____
(Father and Mother's first & last name)

WE, THE PARENTS, MAKE THE FOLLOWING PROMISES:

1. Our family go to Sunday Mass EVERY week.
2. Our family attend the Confession Nights, and Saturday Classes. Our child will participate in them to the best of our ability.
3. Our family will pray regularly.
4. Our family will read and study the Bible regularly especially the Commandments of Jesus Christ and will make an effort to better understand and live out our faith.
5. our family will commit to making decisions based on the Commandments of Jesus Christ.

In keeping with the terms of these promises, we ask for the assistance of this, our spiritual family and the grace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Signature of Father: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Mother: _____ Date: _____