

**St. Alphonsus Sacramental Preparation
First Reconciliation and First Communion
2017 – 2018**

Sessions begin at 8:30 AM and end at 10:20 AM on Sunday mornings.
Attendance is required - parent(s) & child – at each of the eight sessions retreat and practices.

**Please make every effort to arrive on time and plan to stay for the 10:30 Mass.
Reconciliation**

September 10 **God's love for us and the role of sacraments in the life of the family**
Together In Jesus -Lesson 1: *I Belong to a Loving Community*
BF Video: *Let's Pray* – (Our Father- Scene 3 & 4 4 min., 15 sec.)

October 4 (Wed.)	First Reconciliation Meeting Parent and Child 6:30-8:00 PM
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At Home see *Journeying with your Child* Handout

October 15 **Our Relationship with God/Church through Baptism**
BF Video: *Born Into the Kingdom-* Baptism,
Together In Jesus- Lesson 2 *We Keep God's Commandments*

At Home see *Journeying with your Child* Handout for additional activities

November 12 **Sin and Forgiveness**
Together In Jesus -Lesson 3: *We Can Act Like Jesus*
Practice **How to Make a First Penance**

At Home Together in Jesus-Lesson 4 *Jesus Teaches Us to Forgive-Reconciliation*
See *Journeying with your Child* Handout for additional activities

December 10 BF Video: *Forgiven, The Blessings of Confession*
Together in Jesus-, Lesson 5 *Jesus Gives Us the Holy Spirit*
Practice **How to Make a First Penance**

At Home **Before First Penance:**
Together In Jesus- Lesson 6, *I Prepare for First Reconciliation*
see *Journeying with your Child* Handout for additional activities

January 4 (Thurs.)	First Penance Practice (if required) Parent and Child 6:30-7:30 PM
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January 6 (Sat.) **First Penance – 9 AM. Please arrive 15 minutes early.**
All family members and friends are invited.
Please wear appropriate dress for church.
Reception to follow in hall immediately after.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

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Eucharist

January 14 **Understanding the Order of the Mass: the Introductory Rites**
Together In Jesus- Lesson 1- *I Belong to a Loving Community*
BF Video: *The Mass* (1st part only 12 minutes)

January 17 (Wed.)	First Eucharist Meeting Parent and Child	6:30-8:00 PM
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At Home Together In Jesus- Lesson 2 *Our Community Remembers Jesus*
see *Journeying with your Child* Handout for additional activities

February 11 **Understanding the Order of the Mass: the Liturgy of the Word**
Together In Jesus- Lesson 3: *Jesus Gathers Us Together. Tell Bible Stories.*
Children’s Mass Grade 2 at 10:30 AM. Bibles handed out to families

At Home see *Journeying with your Child* Handout for additional activities

March 11 **Understanding the Order of the Mass: the Liturgy of the Eucharist**
Together In Jesus- Lesson 4 *Jesus’ Special Supper*
BF Video: *The Bread Of Life* part 1 only (13 min.)

March 18 *Donut Sunday Grade 2 after 10:30 AM Mass*

March 24 (Saturday) **First Communion Retreat – 9:00-noon (parent & child attend)**

March 25 **Palm Sunday 9:00 -10:15 in church and hall**

March 29 (Thurs.) **Holy Thursday Mass 7:30PM**

April 22 **The Sacrament of Eucharist**
Together In Jesus- Lesson 5, 6: *Our Community Shares a Meal,*
My First Eucharist Book. How to Receive

At Home see *Journeying with your Child* Handout for additional activities

May 10 (Thursday) First Eucharist Practice @ 6:30 for 4PM and 7:30 for 10:30 AM

First Eucharist -Saturday, May 12 at the 4:00 PM Mass or Sunday May 13 at the 10:30 AM Mass.

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