

ALL SAINTS PARISH
FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION
2020-2021

- ***The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that PARENTS ARE THE PRIMARY EDUCATORS OF THEIR CHILDREN IN THE FAITH (CCC #2223).*** This year All Saints parish will continue the Family-based model of faith formation: equipping and entrusting the parents with the tools they need to teach, learn, and grow in faith along with their children. Since in-person religious education is discouraged due to COVID-19, we have mapped out this year's schedule to make it easy for parents to complete the lessons at your own house.
- YEAR 1 of the program will be First Reconciliation
- YEAR 2 of the program will be First Communion
- It is recommended that children in Grade 1 start with First Reconciliation, and children in grade 2 start with First Communion. If your children are older, that is OK! We will start where you are.
- We will be using Dynamic Catholic's BLESSED program for First Communion and First Reconciliation. All Faith Formation Resources are accessible electronically at the Dynamic Catholic website: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/blessed>
- While online access to BLESSED is free, Parents are also strongly encouraged to purchase the BLESSED workbook for each child in the program for a minimal price (\$6 per book x 2 books = \$12 per student). You may order your books and have them shipped to you at this link: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/blessed/program-order/>
- Priests and Mentors will be available for live Q&A after Mass on Sundays. Children need not be present for Q&A sessions. You may also email us at anytime with any questions you have about the program to: faithformation@allsaintshaverhill.org
- Both our HARD-COPY and ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION FORMS are available on our parish website: www.allsaintshaverhill.org
- All families are encouraged to make a weekly "Holy Hour at Home." This includes 30 minutes for the weekly lesson, plus 30 minutes for prayer time and Bible/Catechism study.

***TENTATIVE DATES*- PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

- First Reconciliation is scheduled to be on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, 2021. During Lent, children and parents are encouraged to take tours of the confessional during the weekends of Lent (if possible). Actual confessions may be held outdoors.
- First Communion Masses will begin to be scheduled in May of 2021. Each family will make their own decision about what Mass time works best for them to schedule First Communion. Actual dates are still to be determined.

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HOME LESSON SCHEDULE: 2020

Class #	Date (Sundays)	YEAR 1: First Reconciliation	YEAR 2: First Communion
1.	October 18	Intro to Family Faith Formation 2020	
2.	October 25	Building your Domestic Church	
3.	November 1, ALL SAINTS DAY:	Forming your Discipleship Quads	
4.	November 8- <i>Begin BLESSED Series</i>	<i>Start Lesson 1: "You are Blessed!"</i> Lessons 1.1, 1.2	<i>Start Lesson 1: "Sunday is Special"</i> Lessons 1.1, 1.2
5.	November 15	Lessons 1.3, 1.4	Lessons 1.3, 1.4
6.	November 22	Lessons 1.5, 1.6, 1.7	Lessons 1.5, 1.6, 1.7
<i>11-29: Thanksgiving Weekend/ 1st Sunday Advent- No Classes</i>			
7.	December 6- 2 nd Advent	<i>Start Lesson 2: "The Best Version of Yourself"</i> Lessons 2.1, 2.2	<i>Start Lesson 2: "The Greatest Event on Earth"</i> Lessons 2.1, 2.2
8.	December 13- 3 rd Advent	Lessons 2.3, 2.4	Lessons 2.3, 2.4
9.	December 20- 4 th Advent	Lessons 2.5, 2.6, 2.7	Lessons 2.5, 2.6, 2.7

Christmas Break:

- Christmas Eve- Thursday, December 24; Christmas Day- Friday, December 25
- New Years Day- Friday, January 1, 2021

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10.	January 10	Start Lesson 3: "God Sent Jesus to Save Us" Lessons 3.1, 3.2	Start Lesson 3: "The Word of God" Lessons 3.1, 3.2
11.	January 17	Lessons 3.3, 3.4	Lessons 3.3, 3.4
12.	January 24	Lessons 3.5, 3.6, 3.7	Lessons 3.5, 3.6, 3.7
13.	February 7	Start Lesson 4: "Forgiveness and Healing" Lessons 4.1, 4.2	Start Lesson 4: "The Eucharist" Lessons 4.1, 4.2
14.	February 14	Lessons 4.3, 4.4	Lessons 4.3, 4.4
15.	February 21- 1 st Lent	Lessons 4.5, 4.6,	Lessons 4.5, 4.6,
16.	February 28- 2 nd Lent	Lesson 4.7 & Review	Lesson 4.7 & Review
17.	March 7- 3 rd Lent	Start Lesson 5, "Your First Reconciliation" Lessons 5.1, 5.2 <i>*Tours of Confessional*</i>	Start Lesson 5, "Your First Communion" Lessons 5.1, 5.2
18.	March 14- 4 th Lent	Lessons 5.3, 5.4 <i>*Tours of Confessional*</i>	Lessons 5.3, 5.4
19.	March 21- 5 th Lent	Lessons 5.5, 5.6, 5.7 <i>*Tours of Confessional*</i>	Lessons 5.5, 5.6, 5.7

HOLY WEEK 2021

- + **March 28- Palm Sunday**
- + **April 1- Holy Thursday**
- + **April 2- Good Friday**
- + **April 3- Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil**
- + **April 4- Easter Sunday**

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20.	April 11- 2 nd Easter	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>*Divine Mercy Sunday*</u> First Reconciliations for Children</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adults are encouraged to receive the Sacrament along with their children</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Date/Time subject to change</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Start Lesson 6, "God's Family"</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lessons 6.1, 6.2</p>
21.	April 18- 3 rd Easter	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Start Lesson 6, "It's Only the Beginning"</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lessons 6.1, 6.2</p>	Lessons 6.3, 6.4
22.	April 25- 4 th Easter	Lessons 6.3, 6.4	Lesson 6.5, 6.6, 6.7
23.	May 2- 5 th Easter	Lessons 6.5, 6.6, 6.7	First Communion Retreat (In-person, if possible)
24.	May 9- 6 th Easter	First Communions begin to be scheduled. Each family will make their own decision about what Mass time works best for them.	