

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion
Important Dates and Reminders

1. First Reconciliation – **Saturday, February 21, 2009, 10:00 a.m.** prayer service followed by Confessions in the Church.
 - ❖ Children should wear their Sunday best for the service. Please no jeans, sweats, or sneakers.
 - ❖ Children should report to the Church at 9:30 a.m., check in with their teacher, and then return to their families and sit with them.
 - ❖ The prayer service will begin at 10:00 a.m., and then will be followed by Confessions.
 - ❖ All family members are invited to go to Confession.
 - ❖ Please practice the form of Confession and the Act of Contrition with your child every night, so that he/she is comfortable with it.

2. Public School Release letter is due to the principals – **March 2, 2009.**

3. First Communion Application and \$15.00 Material Fee are due on **Monday, March 16, 2009.** Please mark to my attention and either return to your child's teacher or mail to the rectory. Thank you.

4. First Holy Communion Poster Mass – **Sunday, April 26, 2009, 9:30 a.m.**
Parents/Guardians are asked to make a poster with your child in preparation for First Communion. The posters will be blessed during Mass. Pews will be reserved for you and your family. Please display your child's poster on your front door or window the day of your child's First Holy Communion.

5. First Holy Communion Retreat/Practice Day – **Thursday, April 30, 2009, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
 - ❖ This is a normal school day for SFA students.
 - ❖ The R.E.P. students should report directly to Church. The children should meet in the Church's Helen Santangelo Meeting Room (Church basement). The R.E.P. children will be dismissed from Church. Please drop off and pick up your child from the Church's side door across from the rectory.

6. First Holy Communion – **Saturday, May 2, 2009, 10:00 a.m.**
 - ❖ The children should report to the Church's Helen Santangelo Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

7. May Procession – **Sunday, May 3, 2009, 2:00 p.m.**
 - ❖ We will honor Mary, the Mother of God, at our Parish May Procession on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the St. Francis of Assisi Church. We ask that all of the Communicants wear their Communion outfits to this special service. More information will follow.