

St. Agnes Kouying Tsao Catholic Church First Reconciliation and First Communion 2023-2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings in the name of Christ!

We welcome you to our family of St. Agnes Kouying Tsao parish to prepare your child to receive God's grace. In baptism we are reborn again as the children of God and are brought into the life of God through Jesus Christ.

Now, the Church extends an invitation to children who have reached the age of reason to prepare for and celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist.

As parents, you have the wonderful opportunity of preparing your child to celebrate the sacraments. The Catholic schools provide ongoing religious education and the initial preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist. The family is the centre of **IMMEDIATE** preparation leading to the celebration of a sacrament. It is important that as a family you do your part by praying at home and attending weekly Eucharistic celebrations.

We at St. Agnes Kouying Tsao have our own preparation for those receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion. For this, we invite you to participate fully. All evening sessions and classes are mandatory and will be conducted in person. Sunday classes are held in the basement hall for children only. Evening sessions are held in the church for both parents and children.

Please note that in order to defray the costs of course materials (including student workbooks for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist), there will be a fee of **\$65.00**. We kindly ask you to submit a cheque at the **1st Evening Session**, payable to St. Agnes Tsao Catholic Church. [Memo: First Communion 2023 Fee, Name of Child].

We look forward to journeying with you and your child. If you have any questions, please call us at the parish office at (905)887-7922 or email firstcommunion.satcc@gmail.com.

God's Blessing,



Rev. Thomas Loh, Pastor

Last Update: July 7, 2023

Note: We try our best to follow the schedule but all dates are subject to change due to weather, room availability, etc.

DATE	TIME	SESSION / CLASS
Wed, Oct 4	7:30-8:30 PM	Evening Session 1 (Parents + Children) <i>Introduction to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist</i> - Submission of course fee of \$65 in cheques - Distribution of course material
Sun, Oct 22	10:15-11:45 AM	Class 1: Reconciliation 1 - God Gives you Life
Sun, Oct 22	12PM Mass	Form of Intent (Children submit signed Form of Intent at 12PM Mass)
Sun, Nov 5	10:15-11:45 AM	Class 2: Reconciliation 2 - God Gives you Love
Sun, Nov 19	10:15-11:45 AM	Class 3: Reconciliation 3 - God Gives you Joy
Sun, Dec 3	10:15-11:45 AM	Class 4: Reconciliation 4 - God Gives you Peace
Wed, Dec 6	7:30-8:30 PM	Evening Session 2 (Parents + Children) <i>Confession - Practicum</i>
Sun, Dec 10	10:15-11:45 AM	Class 5: Reconciliation 5 - God Gives you Forgiveness
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!		
Sun, Jan 14	10:15-11:45 AM	Class 6: Reconciliation 6 - Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation
Sat, Jan 20	10 AM	First Reconciliation Service (Parents and Children) <i>Group Service followed by individual reconciliation/confession</i>
Sun, Jan 28	10:15-11:45 AM	Class 7: Eucharist 1 - We Walk with Jesus
Sun, Feb 4	10:15-11:45 AM	Class 8: Eucharist 2 - We Learn about the Mass
CHINESE NEW YEAR (SATURDAY FEB 10)		
FAMILY DAY LONG WEEKEND (SATURDAY FEB 17—MONDAY FEB 19)		
Wed, Feb 21	7:30-8:30 PM	Evening Session 3 (Parents and Children) <i>Church and Parish Community as Family</i>
Sun, Feb 25	10:15-11:45 AM	Class 9: Eucharist 3 - We Share God's Words
Sun, Mar 3	10:15-11:45 AM	Class 10: Eucharist 4 - We Give Thanks
MARCH BREAK (MONDAY MAR 11—FRIDAY MAR 15)		
Sun, Mar 17	10:15-11:45 AM	Class 11: Eucharist 5 - We Remember and Celebrate
PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, EASTER SUNDAY (SUNDAY, MAR 24—SUNDAY MAR 31)		
Sun, Apr 7	10:15-11:45 AM	Class 12: Eucharist 6 - We Share the Bread of Life
Wed, Apr 17	7:30-8:30 PM	Evening Session 4 (Parents and Children) <i>Holy Eucharist - Centre of Lives</i>
Sun, Apr 21	10:15-11:45 AM	Class 13: Review
Sun, Apr 28	3:30PM	Reconciliation (Parents and Children) <i>Individual reconciliation/confession only</i>
Wed, May 1	7:30 PM	Rehearsal
Sun, May 5	1:15PM arrival 2PM	First Communion Mass Dress Code: Girls - white dress, white/light colour shoes Boys - white shirt, black/dark colour dress pants, dark/dark colour shoes No Jeans, No flip flops

A. Registration Instructions:

1. Read the Opening Letter and Schedule (above).
2. **Register.** Download and fill out the Registration PDF Form. Send the completed form and a scanned copy of the child's Baptismal certificate to Cecilia Pang at firstcommunion.satcc@gmail.com . **Due Friday, September 29, 2023.**
3. **Fee Collection and course material distribution. At Evening Session I (Wednesday, Oct 4 at 7:30pm):**
 - a. Submit the \$65.00 fee. Cheque only.
 - i. Payable to St. Agnes Tsao Catholic Church
 - ii. Memo: First Communion Fee 2023-24 [Candidate's First and Last Name]
 - b. Once the fee is submitted, pick up a copy of the Reconciliation Workbook and a class folder.

***If for some reason you cannot make Evening Session I, please call the parish office at 905-887-7922 to make alternate arrangements.**
4. **Form of Intent.** Parents and children must print out and sign the Form of Intent (last page) that officially states the the parents' and the children's intention to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. On **Sunday, October 22, 2023**, attend **12PM Mass** as a family. During the Mass, the priest will ask all Children to submit the signed Form of Intent.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Form Of Intent

Child

I, _____, ask that my Parish community of St. Agnes Kouying Tsao, accept and help me with their prayers, and my commitment to learn about Jesus and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy communion.

Parents / Guardian

I, _____ and _____, promise to do my best to encourage, help and strengthen _____ in his/her preparation.

I will do this by;

- **Being a witness, one who believes in God and His Church of which I am a member.**
- **Being faithful to the Sunday Eucharist.**
- **Participation in Reconciliation & Holy Eucharist program at the parish.**
- **Praying for all who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist & Confirmation this year from our parish**

May God Bless us all in our journey towards the Heavenly Banquet!