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**First Holy Communion Orientation 2019**



Following the ancient tradition and practice of the Church, the season of the First Sacraments is approaching. It corresponds to the Paschal (Easter) season in the life of the Church although some parishes like Holy family Catholic Community will continue to celebrate First Sacraments well into the Pentecost season.



As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us “The sacraments of Christian initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist – lay the **foundations** of every Christian life. The sharing in the divine nature given to men through the grace of Christ bears a certain likeness to the origin, development, and nourishing of natural life. The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life. By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, they thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance toward the perfection of charity.” *Catechism of the Catholic Church #1212.*

**We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Jim, Fr. Luis, Fr. Marlon, Miss Ty, Mrs. Nelson, the rest of our faculty, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade moms, dads, and guardians for supporting and preparing our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class.**



First Holy Communion is the common name for a person’s first reception of the sacrament of the Eucharist. Roman Catholics recognize the importance of this event as the Eucharist is the central focus of the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. We continue to prepare our second graders toward this journey.



Thanks to our hardworking and involved **1<sup>st</sup> Grade families** for setting up the auditorium so beautifully to celebrate our **2<sup>nd</sup> graders' First Holy Communion Orientation Dinner!**

**Catholic Schools Week 2019:** January 27<sup>th</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

**Sunday, 1/27/2019: Celebrating Our Parish.** - Catholic schools benefit all year long from the religious guidance, prayers and support parishes provide. Many parishes join in the National Catholic Schools Week celebration by devoting a Mass to Catholic education. We shall celebrate the start of our Catholic Schools Week celebration by means of our attendance at church and our educators greeting families and parishioners at the end of each Mass.

**Monday, 1/28: Celebrating Our Community.** - Students will **choose a decade and then dress accordingly.** To celebrate the community, the students along with their classroom buddies will write letters to the community (police officers, fire fighters, military, etc.) thanking them for their service.



**Tuesday, 1/29: Celebrating Our Students.** - Students will be wearing **formal uniform** today as the student body will be attending Mass. They will, however, get to wear their **crazy hats** as soon as the students return to campus. To celebrate the students, teachers will swap classrooms and teach an activity that highlights the strengths of each student.



5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Open House



*(Cameron Riley who is turning four (4) years old soon came to shadow to experience her Transitional Kindergarten class and she met Miss Alexa Isaac. Thanks to her Dad, Mom, & the entire Miguel family!)*

**Wednesday, 1/30: Celebrating Our Nation (in support of Catholic schools).** Students will wear red, white, and blue. To celebrate the nation, the students have selected to meet once again with their class buddies, but this time, will write to the parishioners thanking them for supporting the Holy Family Catholic Community. Our PTO Board and Room Reps will be giving some treats of bite-sized muffins / cupcakes, and fruits to all classes in the afternoon.

**Thursday, 1/31: Celebrating Vocations.** Students will dress in their best Disney attire or their best Universal attire. To celebrate vocations, the student body will partake in a Living Rosary.



**Friday, 2/1: Celebrating Our Faculty.** Students will arrive to school wearing their favorite jersey, their P.E. bottoms, and any shoes of choice. In the afternoon, the Student Council will play volleyball against the faculty.



**SPORTS NEWS from Mrs. Teresa Nelson, Athletic Director & Our Basketball Team with Coach Karl Johnson**

Basketball Season is off to a great start here at HFGS. The Varsity Team coached by Mr. Karl Johnson brought home a third place trophy at St. Rita's Basketball Tournament over the Martin Luther King Jr., holiday weekend, thus demonstrating that they are a team that will make the playoffs. Our "B" Basketball Team coached by Mr. Matthew Nolan played their first game on January 22nd defeating their opponent.





Game schedules are listed on our HFGS website at [www.HFGSglendale.org](http://www.HFGSglendale.org) under the Athletics tab.

***Our Spiritual Meditation for the Week: The Holy Spirit heals and transforms us.***

To fear such a state of sin and spiritual blindness, however, signals that one is not dead to God and is conscious of the need for God's grace, mercy, and help. There are no limits to the mercy of God, but anyone who refuses to acknowledge and confess their sins and to ask God for forgiveness, spurns God's generous offer of mercy, pardon, grace, and healing. Through their own stubborn pride and willfulness, they reject God, refuse his grace and help to turn away from sin, and reject the transforming power of the Holy Spirit to heal and restore them to wholeness. God always gives sufficient grace and help to all who humbly call upon him. Giving up on God and refusing to turn away from sin and disbelief results from pride and the loss of hope in God.

What is the basis of our hope and confidence in God? Through Jesus' death on the cross and his victory over the grave when he rose again on the third day, Satan has been defeated and death has been overcome. We now share in Christ's victory over sin and Satan and receive adoption as God's sons and daughters. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord enables us to live a new life of love and freedom from slavery to sin. The Lord Jesus is our refuge and strength because he makes his home with us (John 15:4) and gives us the power and help of the Holy Spirit. Do you take refuge in the Lord and allow him to be the Ruler of your life?

"Lord Jesus, you are my hope and salvation. Be the ruler of my heart and the master of my home. May there be nothing in my life that is not under your lordship."

**Psalm 89:19-21,24-25**

19 Of old you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said: "I have set the crown upon one who is mighty, I have exalted one chosen from the people.

20 I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;

21 My hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.

24 My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him, and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

25 I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers."

***For currently enrolled and potential families intending to bring another sibling or a referral, these links will help facilitate with ease a child's admission process to Holy Family Grade School – Glendale.***

**School Website Calendar:** <http://localendar.com/public/HFGS-Bulldogs>

**Process of Admission:** Admission Policy - <https://hfgsglendale.org/admission-policy/>

**Online Registration:** <https://hfgsglendale.org/admissions/registration/>

**School Forms:** <https://hfgsglendale.org/admissions/school-forms/>

**Church Bulletin Today:** <https://d2wldr9tsuuj1b.cloudfront.net/20009/bulletins/20190127.pdf>

**Other Important Links:**

**Winter Dinner Dance:**

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**Daily readings, reflections, and podcasts:** <http://www.usccb.org/bible/reflections/>

Thank you and Happy Catholic Schools Week!

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