

**First Sacrament Retreat/Workshops & Celebrations Sign-ups**  
**(all dates are subject to change should COVID-19 requirements change)**

**First Reconciliation Retreat/Workshops**

One parent and child need to attend one of the below workshops at either parish as part of the preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The link to sign up is: <https://bit.ly/1stRecRetreat>

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Saturday, January 16 – 10 am – 12 noon  
Sunday – January 24 – 1-3 pm  
Saturday, January 30 – 1-3 pm



**St. Ursula**

Saturday, January 9 – 1-3 pm  
Saturday, January 16 – 1-3 pm  
Sunday, January 17 – 1-3 pm  
Saturday, January 23 – 10 am – 12 noon  
Saturday, January 23 – 1-3 pm  
Saturday, February 13 – 1-3 pm

**Immaculate Heart of Mary First Reconciliation celebrations**

First Reconciliation will be celebrated individually. Each date is limited to 3 candidates. Parents are encouraged to receive the sacrament when they take their child to be a model for them. Additional dates will be announced as they become available. Only the child needs to sign up.

Saturdays at IHM: Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 3:00-3:30 pm. The link to sign up is:  
<https://bit.ly/Opportunitiesfor1stRec>



Dates at St. Ursula: Saturdays, Feb 27 and March 6 at 10 am in St. Ursula Church

**First Eucharist Retreat/Workshops**

One parent and child need to attend one of the below workshops at either parish as part of the preparation for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The link to sign up is: <https://bit.ly/1stEucharistRetreat>

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Sunday, March 21 – 1-3:30 pm  
Saturday, March 27 – 9-11:30 am  
Wednesday, April 7 – 6:30- 9:00 pm (Easter break for Catholic Schools)



**St. Ursula**

Saturday, March 13 – 9-11:30 am  
Saturday, March 13 – 1-3:30 pm  
Saturday, March 20 – 9-11:30 am  
Saturday, March 27 – 1-3:30 pm  
Wednesday, March 31 – 10 am – 12:30 pm  
Sunday, April 11 – 1-3:30 pm



**Immaculate Heart of Mary First Eucharist Celebrations**

Please sign up for one of the below dates. Each date is limited to 4 candidates. The link is:  
<https://bit.ly/2021FirstEucharist>

Saturday, April 17, 2021 – 4:00 pm  
Saturday, April 24, 2021 – 4:00 pm  
Saturday, May 1, 2021 – 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 18, 2021 – 10:00 am  
Sunday, April 18, 2021 – 12 noon  
Sunday, April 25, 2021 – 10:00 am  
Sunday, April 25, 2021 – 12 noon

Sacramental Preparation is a parish, not a school or religious education, function. All parish children of the appropriate age are eligible to enroll in the parish preparation processes. If your family is not registered parishioners of IHM you should contact your parish for their sacramental preparation process. If you wish your child to receive sacraments at IHM you must get permission of your pastor first. Below is a quote from the Archdiocesan guidelines, "Signs of God's Love".

From *Signs of God's Love*, Archdiocesan Sacramental Preparation guidelines:

1. Preparation to receive a Sacrament requires that the child attended religious education classes, parochial school, or completed an Archdiocesan approved Catholic home-schooling program last year, in addition to being enrolled this year.
2. The Archdiocese requires that Sacramental preparation be separate from regular religious education and school programs.
3. Sacramental preparation at this age is to be focused on parent catechesis, so that the parent prepares his or her own children.

#### Vaccination notice

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and the Archdiocese of Baltimore affirm our collective commitment to providing religious education, including Vacation Bible School and Sacramental Preparation, with the safety and wellbeing of all children as our primary focus.

Although proof of immunization is not required to participate in a religious education program, you should take notice that if your child is not immunized, he/she is considered at risk for the disease or diseases against which vaccination offers protection. Vaccine preventable diseases still exist, and especially can spread quickly in child group settings, such as a religious education program. If an outbreak of the disease against which a child has not been fully vaccinated occurs during a religious education program, the child's risk of contracting the disease increases significantly. Participation in religious education, including Vacation Bible School and Sacramental Preparation, at the Parish is completely voluntary. By enrolling a child who has not been vaccinated in religious education at the Parish, parents and guardians recognize, appreciate, and assume the risks associated with lack of immunization. This voluntary enrollment similarly means that parents and guardians understand and agree that Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and the Archdiocese of Baltimore are not responsible or liable for any disease contracted by a child who is not immunized while participating in an educational program at the Parish.