



Feast of St. Francis TK and Kindergarten Prayer Service & First School Mass of the Year

(Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we unfortunately cannot allow our parents to join us for either event.)

Our TK and Kindergarten students and teachers will be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Friday, October 9 with a prayer service in the Student Activity Center (SAC). TK and Kindergarten students are required to be in Formal Uniform on this day.

With the cooperation and blessing of our wonderful Parish Priests, we will be holding our first school mass of the year on Monday, October 12 in the Student Activity Center (SAC). Our fourth grade classes will be planning this mass. It is an honor to have our Parish Priests here to concelebrate this mass for us. Our fourth grade students and their teachers, along with a few staff members, will be the only ones attending due to social distancing requirements. Communion will be distributed to all in attendance who have received their First Eucharist. Students in Grade 4 ONLY are required to wear their Formal Uniform.

We are working on the possibility of live-streaming or Zooming the mass to the remaining Student Body grades 1-8, or recording and then playing the mass for those students, because in a non-COVID year they would be attending this mass. If we are successful in providing any of these options, the Eucharistic Ministers will visit each of the classrooms, grades 3-8, to distribute communion to those who have received their First Eucharist. Students in grades 3-8 who do not receive communion will get a blessing. Eucharistic Ministers will also go to grades 1-2 to bless the children as a class group.

Due to COVID-19, we were unable to honor our **now** third grade students who received their First Eucharist last May. We have not forgotten you and we will be planning a way to honor you, hopefully in the near future.

We are also hoping to hold our annual traditional Memorial Mass in November, albeit possibly having to make some adjustments. Our older students would be involved with preparing this mass. Of course all plans for future masses and prayer services will be based on the COVID-19 regulations in place at the time of these events. Continue to read the St. Serra Sunday News for updates.