



2023-2024 Schedule for First Communion Preparation

October 18, 2023

Parent & Child First Reconciliation & Eucharist Meeting
Registration form and Sign up for Reconciliation is available. Work on the Act of Contrition & introduction to the “How to” of Confession is given.
Reconciliation folders are available for families that have not yet received them. “Mass Passports” are given out.

Mass Passports:

The passport encourages and engages the child in Mass participation. Attendance at weekend Mass is an important part of our Faith as Catholics and in preparation for First Communion, 7 stamps will be available for the children after Masses in October/ November (2), December (2), January (2), and February (1).

- 1) Write the child’s name in the passport & reflect and write a prayer (child and parent) as we begin preparation.
- 2) The child brings the passport to Mass on the weekends. Please write the date of the Sat/Sun Mass. After or before Mass, please help your child stamp their passport.
- 3) Stamps include parts of the Mass: 1) Procession; 2) Readings & Gospel; 3) Homily; 4) Offering the Gifts; 5) Consecration; 6) Holy Communion; 7) Final Blessing
- 4) Passports are due and will be reviewed at the retreat.
- 5) Children may also include in the passports their holy thoughts or prayers during these parts of the Mass.

Wed, January 10, 2024

Reconciliation Sheets are due and are to be handed in to the Religious Education office.

Registration Form Due:

Please complete the registration form and choose a morning retreat date. The form is found online at: <https://stfrancisa2.wufoo.com/forms/first-eucharist-registration-form-20232024/>

If your child was not baptized at St. Francis, please include a copy (upload a photo) of your child’s baptismal certificate with the registration form. You may also send a copy of the certificate separately to the Religious Education Office (or drop off in the Parish Office, marked to the attention of Religious Education)

~(2” by 3”)–sized Photo:

Please send in with your registration form a small (about 2” by 3” sized) photo of your child to be included in the picture display. **Please write your child’s first and last name on the back of the photo.** Upload the photo to the online Eucharist Registration form or drop of the photo in the Religious Education office (or drop off in the Parish Office, marked to the attention of Religious Education)

Choose Retreat date using the First Eucharist Registration form

Wed, Jan. 10 (6:30 p.m.)

Parent and Child Preparation Meeting:

The second and concluding parent/child meeting will be held in the Church, The First Eucharist folder with sheets is available for families that have not received them. Sheets are due to be turned in to the Religious Education Office before the First Communion rehearsals (April 28 & May 1)

Saturday mornings, Jan. 13
& Jan. 20

Parents, please choose a time for the celebration of First Reconciliation with your child.
Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/FirstConfessionJan2024>



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Saturday mornings Feb. 24 & March 2

Sábado, 2 de marzo
Retiro de Primera Comunión
con español

Parents, please choose a retreat for you and your child to attend. Children attend from 9am -1pm and parents attend from 11am-1pm. Children arrive at 9am and engage in various activities designed to deepen their understanding of the Eucharist. These activities include prayer, exploration of the Mass through hands-on interactive activities, and creative crafts. Parents join at 11am and participate in discussion on the Eucharist and then join their children. Lunch is included. Sign up for the retreat, using the Eucharist Registration form given earlier. There is a fee of \$35 per family to cover expenses.

Due Feb. 24/March 2

Mass Passports: please bring them to the retreat.

April 21/24

First Eucharist worksheets are due to be turned in to the Religious Education Office.

Rehearsals Sun, April 28 at
2:30pm & Wed, May 1 at
6:30pm

First Communion Rehearsals

Miércoles, 8 de mayo a las
6:30pm

Ensayo de Primera Comunión en español

**The weekends of May 4/5
and May 11/12**

Celebración de la primera
Comunión
en español en la Misa de 7pm
Es el sábado, 11 de mayo
a las 6:30pm

First Communion Masses:

Families choose to celebrate First Communion within the Sunday Parish Liturgies on available Masses the weekends of May 4/5 and May 11/12. (For Mass in Spanish, First Communion Mass is celebrated on Saturday, May 11 at 7pm). Sign up for Mass will be available January 10.

Communion Masses include seating (1-2 pews per family) and reception of First Communion by family. Please indicate your Mass preference and the number of family members/guests you expect will attend the Mass, using the online sign up genius (link above).

Dress Guidelines:

Girls: Mostly white dress and light colored tights or socks and shoes. Veils, gloves, purses, and other accessories are optional.

Boys: White or light colored shirt with tie, dress pants, and dress shoes. Jackets are optional.

Flash Photos during First Communion Mass:

Please do not use a flash for photos during Mass. Pictures taken during Mass should respect the solemnity of the occasion.

Certificates:

Certificates will be available at your child's Mass.

Corpus Christi Procession
Weekend of June 1/2

Procession in Celebration of the Eucharist
Children dress in their first Communion outfits and lead in the procession