



OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC PARISH

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to our Parish Sacramental Program for First Holy Communion. We are delighted that you chose to have your children in our Program. First Holy Communion is, without question, a time of great joy.

For us Catholics, the Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life” (CCC 1324). In the Eucharist, we believe that Jesus is truly and really present in the Sacred Bread and Wine. God is so close to us when we receive Him in the Eucharist, and there is nothing greater than to receive Him. Receiving the Eucharist is a big deal for us.

For children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion, it is a great joy and an exciting event for the whole family. The boy or girl preparing for this sacrament is going to be profoundly united with Jesus in a way that they never have before! First Holy Communion is a holy and joyful occasion.

Yes, the celebration of a child’s First Holy Communion IS a big deal. But it will only be a special occasion if you as parent invest your time in journeying with your child in this preparation. It is important that you walk with your child in their journey of faith and to share your faith with them.

The First Holy Communion Program consists of 4 weeks of classes. The first two weeks focus on Holy Communion and the third week focuses on Penance or Reconciliation. After the Rite of Reconciliation we will have a ‘rehearsal and recap’ in the fourth week. The children are required to complete the recommended lessons (see below) in the workbook before each class. Attendance of these lessons are compulsory, otherwise please contact the office to have a makeup class with one of our Sacramental team members.

You should find enclosed in this pack the following materials:

1. “My Sacramental Journey: Eucharist” workbook,
2. “My Sacramental Journey: Penance” workbook
3. Mass attendance passport, and

First Holy Communion Schedule

Classes at Our Lady of the Fatima Church, Acacia Ridge:

First Week: 5-6pm, Thursday 18th February.

Please complete the following lessons before class Pages 1-9.

Second Week: 5-6pm, Wednesday 24th February.

Please complete the following lessons before class pages 10-17.

Third Week: 5-6pm, Wednesday 3rd March

Please complete the Penance workbook before class.

What is Reconciliation (Confession)?

Rehearsal for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Rite of First Reconciliation:

5-7pm, Wednesday 10th March (*Done in 3 groups*)

Fourth Week: 5-6pm, Wednesday 17th March

Rehearsal and Recap

The First Holy Communion Masses:

You may attend either one of these masses:

5pm, Saturday 20th March, or

9am, Sunday 21st March.

Our Sacramental Team is available to assist you and your child in anyway if needed. Please be assured of our prayers for you and your children during this preparation period.

God bless,

Fr Lam Vu

Parish Administrator