



FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION 2020- 2021 SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Registration:

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are open to 2nd grade children, and older, who have been Baptized and is currently participating in Religious Formation or is a student at Mary Queen School.

The cost for all Religious Formation and Sacramental Prep programs is \$50.00 per student and includes Sundays of August 25, 2019 through May 3, 2020. Mary Queen School student's religious education fee is included in their school tuition, and they are NOT required to register for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Class information:

Candidates in the 2nd grade are prepared all school year. Material about the Sacraments is included in their regular 2nd grade. Sacramental Preparation curriculum is either during Sunday morning Religious Formation classes, at Mary Queen School, or an approved home school curriculum.

Candidates 3rd grade and older participate in Sunday morning Sacramental Preparation. These classes are held from 9:30 - 10:30 A.M. for grades 2 - 12th (**in English**) and 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. for grades 2nd - 7th (**in Spanish**). A registration form must be completed by parents and placed on file for each child.

***A copy of the candidate's Baptismal certificate must be submitted to Karen Estes** via mail, email, the Mary Queen Business Office, or the school office before **November 1**. The church of your child's Baptism can fax the certificate directly to the attention of Karen Estes at **Fax # 859-278-2453**.

Required Components of Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion:

-First Communion candidates are required to attend Mass every weekend in person, online, **OR** live-streamed. Children attending Sunday morning classes, they or their parents are required to complete an online Mass Verification Form every Sunday. Here is the link to the form. <https://forms.gle/WWMx946gDEntzwWc7>

-Important Presentations on Reconciliation and Communion– These special presentations are for the parents of our First Communion candidates. They are offered through the Adult Ed Program. Dates are as follows:

-October 20 at 6:30pm - Deacon Nick's presentation on Reconciliation for PARENTS in English - in sanctuary and Facebook Live

-October 22 at 6:30pm - Deacon Nick's presentation on Reconciliation for PARENTS in Spanish - in sanctuary and Facebook Live

-January 26 at 6:30pm Deacon Nick's presentation on the Eucharist for PARENTS in English - in sanctuary and Facebook Live

-January 28 at 6:30pm Deacon Nick's presentation on the Eucharist for PARENTS in Spanish - in sanctuary and Facebook Live

Parish Involvement:

Each First Communion Candidate's parents will receive three (3) prayer cards. The cards will have a short prayer for their candidate. ***At the Mass of family's choice**, the children or parents may distribute the prayer cards to three parishioners, asking them for their prayer support throughout their Sacramental preparation year.

*****Due to the Coronavirus, we ask that prayer cards are distributed after Mass in the parking lot. For those who prefer to attend Mass online, you may want to mail them to parishioners.**

We are asking each First Communion candidate and their parents to participate in at least three (3) of the following this year, in person or online.

- Attend Eucharistic Adoration for at least one hour on any Thursday.
- Attend “Stations of the Cross” during Lent.
- Attend special prayer services offered in the parish.
- Take part in a parish “mission or service” project for birthright or for the needy, or attend any special activity or Presentation sponsored by the parish or diocese.

FIRST RECONCILIATION DATES: All candidates will receive Reconciliation Formation prior to November 15, 2020.

*Each child may have three (3) family members (Total of 4 people per family)

Due to COVID-19 and the restrictions on coming together in person, we will not hold a Reconciliation Service. The First Reconciliation procedure will be like that of any Confessions held on Saturday’s and Sunday’s.

The First Reconciliation date will be assigned to each class/grade, and parents will have an opportunity to sign up for a time soon. **(Details to come)**

Option A – Tuesday, November 17 at 6:30 pm

Option B – Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 pm

Option B – Friday, November 20 at 6:30 pm

First Communion Photoshoot: To be determined in January or February

First Communion Practices: Virtual or in person will be determined in January

First Holy Communion Dates:

(Seating will be reserved for First Communicants and their families.) More details to come.

*Each child may have three (3) family members or guests (Total of 4 people per family). Parents will be notified if this number should change.

Tuesday, April 13, Bilingual Mass at 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 15, Bilingual Mass at 6:30 pm

Day of First Communion:

- No gum chewing.
- Dress code:
For Girls: White is traditionally the symbolic color for First Communion but is not required. Neckline and length of dress must be modest. If gloves are worn, they must be removed before receiving Holy Communion. Veils are optional.
For boys: Dress pants & shirt and tie (suit jackets are optional). No denim jeans or tennis shoes please.
- Bibles, rosaries, or candles are not used during the celebration of the Sacrament. If you have religious items as gifts for First Communion, you are welcome to ask any priest to bless them after Mass.
- **There is absolutely no photography or videotaping during the First Communion Masses.**
- First Communion Certificates will be available immediately following the Mass. (Location to be determined)