



Sacramental Preparation
First Holy Communion
2021-2022
7000 Morning Star Drive,
The Colony TX, 75056
12 -14 Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Our Mission Statement

We want to share as much of our Catholic faith as possible with your child in a positive & loving environment. Our goal is to help your children to become active, faith-filled Catholics. Guidelines are set to ensure that we are doing everything we can do as a church, to help build up your child in the Catholic faith. As it states in the National Directory of Catechesis *“Parents must be recognized as being primarily and principally responsible for their children’s religious education. The family is therefore the principal school of the social virtues that are necessary to every society”*. Therefore, it is the mission of the children’s catechesis at Holy Cross to **assist** our families in presenting the Catholic faith in ways appropriate to the learning gifts of each child of our parish family.

About Sacramental Preparation classes:

For First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion the student must be at least 7 years of age and in the 2nd grade. If your child has been baptized in the Catholic Church-he/she is eligible for the sacramental preparation class. Along with being involved in the Sacramental Preparation classes, the child must be registered and attending Religious Education Classes. If they are not attending the Religious Education classes, they will not be able to receive their sacraments this year and must wait for another year. Attendance for the Religious Education class must be at a minimum of 70% the year before and the year of Sacramental Preparation.

We will use Encounter with Christ by Our Sunday Visitor. This program lays the foundation for an experience of the sacraments that leads children to an appreciation and knowledge of the mysteries of our faith. You will be using the books in class and will find great material online to reinforce what was done at the sessions.

There are 12 sessions: 6 for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and 6 for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Each session must be attended by the child preparing for the sacrament and a parent or guardian. The program is designed with the involvement of the parents and children in mind.

Each session will be 1 hour long and will be held in our classrooms at Holy Cross.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be received as a group in 2022 (date to be determined).

The Sacrament of Eucharist will be received on the 1st or 2nd weekend of May, 2022.

Parent Responsibilities

1. Actively share the faith with your child by reviewing the information that is shared at each session. This is a simple way to reinforce what is taught and strengthen the faith for you and your family.
2. Ensure that your child arrives on time for each session.
3. Keep informed of the events, important dates and changes to the program by signing up for Flocknote messages, check the bulletin and the Holy Cross website.
4. The celebration of the Eucharist at Mass is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. The Eucharist is the spiritual food needed for us to continue to grow in our faith. For these reasons, it is especially important that your family attends mass on a regular basis.

Parents' Role in the Development of Their Children's Prayer Life

Praying with children at home, in church and in their class is an important aspect of religious formation. We will use prayers as part of our lessons, but we will not be able to focus all our time on teaching the prayers to your children. We ask that you help us teach the basic prayers to your children. The prayers will be provided to you, to assist you in teaching them. Your child will be asked to learn the **Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be, the Apostle's Creed and the Act of Contrition.**

Student Responsibility and Conduct

Student responsibilities for having a positive experience in sacramental preparation will include:

- Attending class regularly and arriving on time.
- Actively participating in activities, listening, and sharing ideas in appropriate ways.
- Be attentive and cooperative with all adult leaders.
- Follow the rules established by the catechists and conduct themselves in a manner that is caring, responsible and respectful.

Attendance

Attendance is important and will be taken during each class session. **Missing any of the sessions will make it challenging for us to prepare your child for the sacraments properly. Since there are few sessions your attendance at each session is required.**

Inclement Weather

Classes will be canceled when snow or ice make driving conditions hazardous. Cancellations will be sent out by Flocknote texts.

Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion 2021-2022

Sacramental Preparation Sessions: Each session will be 1 hour long at 7000 Morning Star Drive, The Colony TX 75056

Parent and child will need to attend:

Thursdays 6 – 7 PM

Encounter with Christ- By Our Sunday Visitor –Reconciliation

August 26 th	Session 1
September 9 th	Session 2
September 16 th	Session 3
September 23 rd	Session 4
September 30 th	Session 5
October 7 th	Session 6

Encounter with Christ- By Our Sunday Visitor – Eucharist

October 14 th	Session 1
October 21 st	Session 2
October 28 th	Session 3
November 4 th	Session 4
November 11 th	Session 5
November 18 th	Session 6

December 2nd Make up session.

Dates for the Rehearsal for First Reconciliation, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Rehearsal for the Sacrament of Eucharist & First Holy Communion to be determined.

First Holy Communion– Date to be determined and is usually held on the 1st or 2nd weekend of May 2022.



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First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Copy of Baptism certificate is required with this registration!

Student information:

I attest that everything I enter on this form is true or my child can be removed from the program.

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Middle: _____

Birth date: _____ Gender: _____

Grade in school - August 2021: _____ School: _____

Name of the Church where your child was baptized: _____

City/State of the Church: _____

Date of baptism: _____

Family Information:

Family Last Name: _____

Parents/Guardian's names:

_____/_____

Family Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Please make sure you attached this page as well:

Cost for books & supplies: \$40 for each child.

Please make checks payable to Holy Cross Catholic Church or pay online at www.holycrosscc.org. Click on the donations tab, then select sacramental preparation and make your payment. Please attach a copy of your receipt to this registration packet. You can drop off the registration packet to the church office or email it to karendacosta@holycrosscc.org. We will not issue any refunds.

Office Use:

Date registration received: _____ Cash _____ Check # _____

Date credit card payment received: