

# First Communion 2025-2026

Dear Parents,

The Catechism of the Church calls the sacraments “Masterworks of God” and needs to be treated with great importance. Your involvement in your child’s spiritual journey as they prepare for the sacraments is essential and should not be underestimated. You can share your memories of receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion with your child.

As parents, you can reinforce what our catechists emphasize: The importance of attending Mass every weekend and on Holy Days of Obligation and receiving the Most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Also, help our catechists teach your children the prayers they must learn in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and the Act of Contrition.

You and your children will be in my prayers. It is truly an honor and privilege to watch your children grow in their faith. May God bless you all.

In His Name



Deacon Stan.

**This year's calendar of events is found below:**

Date	Event	Location
<b>December 10, 2025 (Wed) @4:30 PM</b>	Children’s First Reconciliation for Early session students & Homeschool	Church
<b>December 10, 2025 (Wed) @6:45 PM</b>	Children’s First Reconciliation for Late session students & Homeschool	Church
<b>March 7, 2026 (Sat) @ 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM</b>	First Communion Retreat	Parish Hall Auditorium
<b>March 26, 2026 (Thurs)</b> 10:00 AM Mass @4:00 PM 2:00 PM Mass @ 6:00 PM	First Communion Rehearsal: The First Communion mass you signed up for determines which rehearsal time to attend.	Church
<b>April 11, 2026 (Sat)</b> <b>10:00AM &amp; 2:00PM</b>	First Communion Mass. <b>First Communicants, please arrive at Church 30 minutes early.</b>	Church

### Three Points of Clarification:

1. There are Two scheduled Reconciliations for the First Communion children in the Religious Education program. Their “First Reconciliation” is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 4:30 PM for students in Wednesday's early 2nd Grade Classes/Early Session Bridge Yr. 2 students and Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 6:45 PM for students in Wednesday's late 2nd Grade Classes/Late Session Bridge Yr. 2 students. Homeschool students can attend either session.
2. The date and time for the First Communion Mass is Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Students should plan to arrive between 9:30 AM and 9:45 AM for the 10:00 AM mass and between 1:30 PM and 1:45 PM for the 2:00 PM mass. Further details, such as seat assignments, will be sent to you in January.
3. Rehearsal times: For those who signed up for the 10:00 AM mass, rehearsal is at 4:00 PM, and for those who signed up for the 2:00 PM mass, rehearsal is at 6:00 PM.

# The Dress Code for First Communion

## **Girls:**

- An appropriate First Communion dress, dress shoes or sandals with a back strap (no tennis shoes or flip flops).
- Gloves are not permitted.
- Veils are optional.


## **Boys:**

- Dark blue or black dress pants (no jeans, carpenter, or cargo slacks).
- Dress shoes (no tennis shoes or open-toe shoes/sandals).
- A white dress shirt and tie must be worn.
- A suit coat (black, blue or gray) is appropriate, but not necessary.

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First Communion – Signs of Grace: You Are Loved

