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Do you remember your First Communion? I do. It was a beautiful day in May. My grandparents that lived in another city came to visit for the occasion. The family gathered together to join me in the celebration, after the Mass and the “official” pictures for the family album, we walked in the city to the Basilica of Our Lady. After a short visit, we went to have lunch in a very simple restaurant.

This weekend many children of our Parish and School are receiving their First Communion. What a beautiful celebration! Some of them are better prepared than others; that’s normal. For some, the most important thing is to receive the most wonderful gift: Christ in their hearts and souls. For others perhaps only material things will be important. On that day, I always pray for the children, telling Jesus that we did what we could to help them and their families in the preparation for this great day, now He needs to do rest. And He sure does.

First Communion is important, but most important is the second, third, fourth...meaning, to be prepared to receive Christ always in our hearts with the same desire and simplicity of children, but with a better understanding of our need to have Christ in our hearts.

Let’s pray for all the children that are receiving their First Communion this weekend, and let’s pray for all of us so that we will continue to receive His Body and Blood with respect and love.

**God bless,**  
*Father José Félix*