



Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Requirements:

Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Eucharist (Communion) normally takes place in the 1st and 2nd grade for children baptized in the Catholic Faith. Essential for the preparation of First Eucharist is regular worship at Sunday Mass, participation in religious education classes (either in the parish or in a Catholic school), participation in the two sacrament preparation Centers and at home completion of sacrament textbooks. Diocesan policy requires that students are at the age of reason (7 years old) and have two consecutive years of preparation prior to receiving First Eucharist

The Sacramental Preparation Program is a two year process:

Year One: The first year, the student is enrolled in the appropriate class for their school grade. (Although this is usually 1st grade, a student can be a 'year one' student in any grade.) This first year concentrates on learning about the Faith at the appropriate grade level, beginning to understand and appreciate the Mass, the Commandments and forgiveness.

Year Two: The second year, students enroll in the appropriate grade. (Although this is usually 2nd grade, a student can be a 'year two' student in any grade.) In conjunction with attending appropriate grade level religious education instruction, the student is also enrolled in the Sacrament Preparation Program. Sacramental preparation includes classroom instruction (to teach the basics of our faith), at home instruction from sacramental textbooks (to foster family faith formation), parent/child Centers (to reinforce material in the sacramental textbooks) and two parent meetings (to provide parents with important sacrament information).

*Children in grades 3rd and up that **have been baptized** and have not yet received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist can prepare for these sacraments by following the Two Year program requirements, in addition to attending a special class for older students in Year Two

If your child is enrolling for the 2nd year of sacrament preparation and attended religious education in another parish or Catholic school (other than Holy Family Catholic School) last year, you will need to **submit a letter from your previous parish/school to confirm attendance**. If your child was home schooled in religious education last year, please let us know the curriculum used. (If the materials used last year are not on the approved diocesan religious education textbook list, your child may need to enter the 'Year One' status to begin the preparation process.)

Parent Information Meetings: (Dates to be Announced) In order for your child to receive the sacrament, it is necessary for one parent to attend. These meetings are for parents, therefore, children are not required to attend.

Reconciliation & First Eucharist Centers: (Dates to be Announced) Reconciliation & First Eucharist Centers will be provided during the regularly scheduled religious education class times. Parents and children will cycle through a series of centers designed to reinforce material presented in the Call to Celebrate –Reconciliation and Eucharist textbooks.

Please put these dates on your calendar!

DATE	Description
TBA	Parent Information Meeting – Reconciliation MANDATORY
TBA	Reconciliation Centers MANDATORY
TBA	First Reconciliation
TBA	Parent Information Meeting – First Eucharist MANDATORY
TBA	First Eucharist Centers MANDATORY
TBA	First Eucharist Practice MANDATORY
TBA	First Eucharist

To register for this program, parents must fill out the Sacrament Registration Form and return it with an attached copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate to the parish office by October 1, 2015. If the child has been baptized in another faith, please see the program director to determine if your child needs to make a Profession of Faith prior to receiving the sacrament.