



Sacramental Preparation
First Holy Communion
2019-2020

7000 Morning Star Drive,
The Colony TX, 75056
Thursdays, 6 – 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 as a church, can do 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.

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. Since there are only 6 sessions for each sacrament, you **cannot** miss one. 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 on April 25th, 2020.

The Sacrament of Eucharist will be received at the weekend of May 2nd & 3rd, 2020.

Parent Responsibilities

1. Actively share the faith with your children 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. Insure that children arrive on time for each session.
3. Keep informed of the events, important dates and changes to the program by signing up for the Remind101 text messages, checking 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 very important that your family attend 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 of our time on teaching the prayers to your children. We are asking 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 Remind101 texts.

Sacramental Preparation Schedule

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

September 12 th	Session 1
September 19 th	Session 2
September 26 th	Session 3
October 3 rd	Session 4
October 10 th	Session 5
October 17 th	Session 6

Encounter with Christ- By Our Sunday Visitor – Eucharist

October 24 th	Session 1
November 7 th	Session 2
November 14 th	Session 3
November 21 st	Session 4
December 5 th	Session 5
January 16 th	Session 6
January 23 rd	Make up session

Rehearsal for Reconciliation- April 23rd at 6.00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation– Saturday, April 25th at 10 AM

Rehearsal for Sacrament of Eucharist– Thursday, April 30th at 6 PM

First Holy Communion– Regular weekend Masses May 2nd & 3rd



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Student Information:

I certify 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 starting August 2019: _____ 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: _____

Phone #: _____ Home/Work/ Cell (circle one)

Email: _____

Best way to contact you: _____

Please make sure you attached this page as well:

Tuition: \$40 for each child.

Please make Checks out to
Holy Cross Catholic Church
(There will be no refunds.)

Office Use:

Date registration received: _____ Cash _____ Check # _____

Date credit card payment received: