



First Holy Communion 2012

The sacrament of First Holy Communion for 2012 is scheduled for Saturday May 5. There will be three masses that will be celebrated consecutively that day as follows:

9:00AM For Wednesday and Saturday Religious Education classes
Rehearsal on Wednesday May 2, 2012 at 6:30PM

11:30AM For Tuesday Religious Education classes and parish children who attend a catholic school other than SSPP not affiliated with a parish (eg. All Saints Academy)
Rehearsal on Thursday May 3, 2012 at 6:30PM

2:00PM For SSPP School Second Grades
Rehearsal on Friday May 4, 2012 at 12:30PM

IMPORTANT: These masses do not fulfill your Sunday obligatory mass

Required* Parent meetings:
Saturday February 25 at 9:00AM in the Holy Family Chapel
OR
Monday February 27 at 7:00PM in the Holy Family Chapel

*At least one parent must attend

Proper Attire for First Communion

Girls should wear a dress that is modest (white is traditional, but is not mandatory). It may be sleeveless but never strapless. If it is cool that day, a white sweater may be in order. Veils are traditional but are not a requirement. White gloves may be worn, however your daughter must be reminded that if receiving on the hand, the gloves must be removed before coming forward.

Boys may wear a dark suit or sport coat if you choose to purchase them, however that is not required. The only requirement is for the boys to wear a white shirt with a white necktie (available at all religious supply stores), dark slacks and shoes.

Church Seating

All three masses will be celebrated in the church. The children will sit as a group with their class and teacher/catechist. Families will be assigned a pew, by lottery. This will be either a long pew on either side of the main aisle or if necessary, two of the shorter pews by the walls. The pews will be marked with the family name. The remainder of the pews in church will be considered open seating. Outside of the reserved pews for the families, an attempt to self-reserve pews is unacceptable. Coats, books, cameras or anything else left in the open seating section with no live person sitting there will be removed.

Pictures

There will be ample time during the procession to take pictures and pictures may be taken inside church before or after mass. Videography will be done by a professional and sold for a fee. Pictures may not be taken once the mass begins.

Family Banners

In the past, family banners were created and hung over the end of the family pew. While there is no requirement to do so, you are welcome to create a banner (or use one from a previous first communion at SSPP) to be hung over the end of your assigned pew. If you wish to do so, you will be responsible to bring your banner and hang it on the pew. Banners must be no larger than 10" wide and 24" long. A wooden dowel should be sown into the top of the banner and piece of decorative rope or yarn attached to each end of the dowel will hold the banner on the pew by sliding it over the top. Family name, scripture verse and/or decorations related to grapes, wine or bread may be added. Please remember this is NOT required, but is a choice. All pews will be reserved by means of a sign that will be attached to your family pew.

Communion

Only the precious body of Jesus will be offered at these masses. The precious blood will not be offered so that the children will not have the opportunity to receive the precious blood at this mass. The reception of the precious blood is a decision that the family must make and if you decide that your child will receive the precious blood, he or she may do so at the regular weekend mass that evening or the next day on Sunday.