

FAQS as we approach the First Eucharist Celebration

- *Liturgical Roles at the First Eucharist Celebration - Each child is invited to one ministry at the mass*
- *All liturgical ministries will be rehearsed at a scheduled time with one of the team.*
- *The children will come forward for their ministry, but will sit with their family the rest of the time. Lectors join their families at the alleluia.*

Lectors or Readers-We are asking any children who are comfortable reading loudly, clearly and confidently and who will spend time with their parents preparing and understanding the reading to sign up to assist as a Lector or a reader of one of the Petitions.

Bringing up the Gifts - We will have children bringing up the gifts at First Eucharist.

Music - The children will be learning the song “In Remembrance of You” and will sing it together at the end of their First Eucharist Mass. Please have the children work on the song at home. Susan Gividen will work with the children with the music. Some of the children will serve as cantors or leaders of song.

The Actual Celebration of the First Eucharist Liturgy

When do we arrive at church?

First Eucharist families are asked to arrive 30 minutes before the Mass begins.

Bringing in a friend or relative who is a Priest or Deacon

We welcome others to celebrate with you. If you'd like them to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to your child, we need to know this as soon as you know, as we plan out the positions of all of the Ministers of Communion well ahead of time. Thanks!

Special Seating in church

If you have a relative who is in need of special handicapped seating please let us know as soon as you do, so that we can accommodate them.

Name Banners for the Pews

See the link in the right column for the directions for Pew Banners. Our liturgy team will place the banner on your pew and you will take it with you following the Mass, serving as a remembrance of First Eucharist. Families are provided one row and other family members are welcome to sit wherever there might be an extra seat in church.

Dress for First Eucharist

Girls are most welcome to wear the white; to symbolize the baptismal garment. You are also welcome to wear a regular dress –“Sunday best” clothing. For anyone who purchases gloves, please remove them at the sign of peace and for your reception of First Eucharist. Boys are also welcome to wear a white shirt; to symbolize the baptismal garment. They are also welcome to wear a tie and/or sweater or jacket with dress pants; no jeans, please.

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ

We encourage the whole family to receive the Eucharist that day, both the host and the precious blood. Each family as a whole will come forward to one of the two designated spots in front to receive the Eucharist. Your child will receive first. If there are two children, you decide who receives first, but they will receive, then the family. The family will move together from receiving the host to the precious blood ministers. If there is someone who will not be receiving, have them cross their arms in front of them and they will receive a ‘blessing’ from the minister.

Pictures

You are welcome to take pictures during the opening procession and after Mass. Please, no pictures especially at the homily time or during the reception of First Communion. It also makes things confusing if you are taking pictures before Mass, while we are trying to organize the children in their different liturgical roles. You are welcome to stay afterwards and take pictures.