

First Communion Requirements 2021/2022

There are **five requirements** for the reception of First Communion:

1. Submission of child's Baptismal Certificate (not a birth certificate).
2. Reception of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation with a Catholic priest.
3. Parish Membership at St. Anne is required before Sacraments are received here – please visit our “Registration Process” page under the “Visitor” heading of the St. Anne website.
4. A child must know the difference between ordinary bread and extraordinary Eucharist.
 - Children must recognize that Holy Communion is not like regular food; they must be able to distinguish the difference.
5. A child must believe that the Host is really and truly Jesus. He gives His Whole Self to us in the Eucharist -- ***Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity***.
 - Children must believe that the Host is Jesus; they must have a basic understanding of His Real Presence.

Attending our parents sessions and retreats make numbers 4 and 5 easy for families to accomplish. Please don't miss these opportunities to discover the richness of the Sacraments! This year, we are excited to launch a new sacramental preparation process for parents of First Communicants. ***Our new program involves two required parent-only sessions*** which are offered at varying times throughout the year. Please add the following dates to your calendar and make these events a priority for you and your child. ***If you attended one of these parent sessions during the 2020/2021 Faith Formation year, please contact me to schedule a one-on-one follow-up.***

- ***Forgiven Parent Sessions (Option 1)*** | Saturday, October 2nd 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
- ***Forgiven Parent Sessions (Option 2)*** | Saturday, November 6th 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
- ***Presence Parent Sessions (Option 1)*** | Saturday, December 4th 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
- ***Presence Parent Sessions (Option 2)*** | Saturday, January 15th 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
- ***November 19th (5:30 - 8:30 pm) or 21st (1 - 4 pm)*** | First Reconciliation Retreat for parent and child to attend together. ***This retreat is required.***
- ***December 1st*** | Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6 pm.
- ***March 19th or 20th*** | First Communion Retreat # 1 for parent and child to attend together 1 – 4 pm. ***This retreat is required.***
- ***April 2nd or 3rd*** | First Communion Retreat #2 for parent and child to attend together 1 – 3 pm. ***This retreat is required.***
- ***April 28th*** | First Communion rehearsals from 5:15 - 6:15 pm for 9:15 am First Communion Mass and 6:15 - 7:15 pm for 11:30 am First Communion Mass on 5/1
- ***May 5th*** | First Communion rehearsal for 5:15 pm First Communion Mass on 5/7
- ***May 1st and 7th*** | First Communion Masses