



First Reconciliation & First Communion:

At your child's Baptism, you promised to raise them in the Catholic faith and to nurture their spiritual growth. Thank you for honoring that commitment. Your support of your child's preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is a beautiful witness to that promise. **This moment marks not an end, but a beginning**—one that invites you to continue walking with your child as they grow in faith and experience God's love and forgiveness.

First Reconciliation:

First Reconciliation Practice (students only): RE - 2/9 during classtime, DP - before the Service during the school day

First Reconciliation Service: Tuesday, February 10th at 6:30 - Divine Providence Church. **Please arrive at *LEAST 20 mins early to check in and get situated.***

Attendance: Mrs. Pona will be in the Narthex with a clipboard taking attendance. You *MUST* check in with her. ALL students *MUST* be in attendance with at least 1 parent

Dress Code: Sunday best

Church Seating: Students will sit in an assigned section all together on the far right side of the church. Parents will sit on the far right side of the church behind students.

Service: We will begin with an opening prayer, scripture readings, reflection, group examination of conscience, group act of contrition, individual confessions, group penance.

Confession: Our Catechists/Volunteers will direct/send children to the Priests. Once a student has completed their Confession, they will walk back and sit at the end of the student pews.

After Confession: Students will write a private “letter to Jesus” until all students are finished. Students will then do a group Penance once all students have finished.

Reconciliation Certificates: Will be available in the Narthex as you leave.

First Communion:

First Communion Practice: Saturday, April 25th 10am-12pm - Divine Providence Church

First Communion Mass: Saturday, May 2nd **STUDENT ARRIVAL TIME:** 11:00am at Mayfair Room **SERVICE:** 11:30 - Divine Providence Church

Attendance: ALL students MUST be in attendance with their parents.

Dress Code: GIRLS - white dress/white outfit, veil is optional, gloves can not be worn during service BOYS - black dress pants, white long sleeve button up, white tie, suit jacket/vest optional

Procession: Students will process into the church, 2 students side by side and walk slowly to their labeled, assigned pews. This will be rehearsed during the rehearsal.

Church Seating for Students: First Communion students will sit together in a reserved area at the front of the church, and will sit in alphabetical order on either side.

Catechists will sit amongst them.

Church Seating for Parents/Family: First come first serve, behind our First Communion Students

Holy Communion: First Communion candidates will receive their First Holy Communion first, followed by the rest of the Church behind them. Only the Host (body of Jesus) will be distributed to the Children, NO cup (blood of Jesus) will be used.

Blessing of Gifts: Please bring any special gifts for your children to the Mass, and Fr. Joe will bless these items after Communion. Parents, you will hold up any items that need to be blessed.

First Communion Certificates: Will be given to RE & DP students the following week.