



Greetings Second Grade Families!

I hope this year has been filled with wonderful experiences already, and your children have settled into the routine of a new school year. It is my privilege as Epiphany Parish's Coordinator of Children's Programs to accompany the second grade students along with their parents through the celebration of First Sacraments. First Sacraments includes both the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of First Eucharist/Communion. As a parent myself, my heart and passion is to accompany the whole family through sacramental celebrations. The goal is not to only prepare children for receiving the sacraments, but also to equip and empower the parents as their first and foremost teacher in the faith.

Our gatherings to prepare for the First Sacraments will begin on January 31, 2027. We meet at Holy Family Catholic Church prior to the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass from 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM. We will always gather in the first few pews of the main body of the church. Feel free to also attend the 8:00 AM Mass as a family if that is more convenient. Gatherings at the church allows us to foster a deeper relationship with Jesus that is crucial to living out our Catholic faith. It also remains Epiphany Parish's privilege to accompany both the parents and children. To help our students participating in the First Sacrament program thrive, Epiphany's preparation gatherings follow a Parent-Child model. **One parent is required to join their child during the Sunday morning gatherings.** More details will be provided at our first gathering.

For those that appreciate planning ahead, please see the 2027 Spring First Sacrament Schedule on the Epiphany Parish website. If your child has not yet been baptized or was baptized outside of the Catholic faith, please contact Kaytlin at k.wood@dbqarch.org as soon as possible. I am so excited to accompany you and your child through the next sacramental milestones in their Catholic faith journey!

Blessings,

Kaytlin Wood

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