



St. Anthony de Padua

Catholic Parish · South Bend, Indiana

May 13, 2020

Dear Parents of First Communicants,

Based off the results of the First Communion Survey sent through email on May 7 , we are going to go ahead and schedule a **First Communion Mass for Sunday, June 7, 2020**. There is no obligation or pressure for families to attend that Mass. We simply wish to provide the sacrament for those families who desire to no longer delay First Communion for their child.

For those families who wish to attend, please fill out this [RSVP form](#) (if you cannot fill out the form, please email or call Mrs. Valentiny the RSVP information). We would like to know how many people will be attending Mass for your family. This includes siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. We ask that you use discretion as you invite family and friends, but we also do not want to put a number limit on how many people you wish to include. Each family will have an entire row reserved and there should be some extra room in the back pews for guests as well. Once we have an idea about how many people are attending Mass, we will decide if there will be one or two Masses so that we can also safely follow social distancing protocols.

For families who wish to attend First Communion Mass at a later date, there are a few options. You may individually schedule a time for your child to attend Mass and receive their First Communion when your family is comfortable. If that is the case, please email Mrs. Valentiny or call the Parish Office when you are ready. You may also wait for further directives from St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Parish regarding a future date for another designated First Communion Mass.

We will communicate via email the Mass times and Mass directives as soon as we know that information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Mrs. Valentiny (this is the best way to contact us right now, I am checking emails every hour). Thank you for your patience and understanding!

God Bless,

Fr. Bob Garrow, Pastor

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