

First Eucharist Enrollment-Blessing – SJC/HS

Weekend of February 11-12, 2023

Young people and their families who are preparing for First Reconciliation are invited to come forward to the front of the altar area (using social distancing.)

Calling Forward and

Introduction

Reader or Priest

We have among us at our masses this weekend both in person and virtually, young people and their families from both St. Joseph's and Holy Spirit who are preparing to celebrate First Eucharist this spring.

Will those families --- please come forward to the front and have your child stand in front of you? For those who are joining us virtually, please stand and have your First Eucharist Candidate stand in front.

Today, as our Christian community gathers to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, we pray for our precious families who have begun preparation for First Eucharist. May we personally reach out to them in the coming months and let them know of our support and prayers.

Today, the children are officially enrolled as candidates for First Eucharist. Along with their parents, they are asked to commit as a family to prayer, formation, and participating weekly in Mass--- all as part of their preparation for First Eucharist.

Rite of Enrollment

EXAMINATION

Leader

I will ask some questions of the parents and family, for the children and for our assembly. Standing with them, shows us your willingness to continue to grow as part of the family of God. Your response is 'Yes, We Are.' And so I ask you:

Leader

Parents and all family - you present your daughters and sons and your sisters and brothers -- for enrollment as candidates for First Eucharist. Standing with them, shows us your willingness to continue to grow as part of the family of God. Your response is 'Yes, We Are.' And so I ask you:

Blessing and Dismissal of the Families

BLESSING PRAYER

Priest:

God of forgiveness, you have blessed our Sister Parishes of Holy Spirit and St. Joseph's Parish with these wonderful children and their families. Be present to them as they prepare together to receive their First Eucharist.

Help us as a community of believers to be good examples to them. May we all appreciate the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

We ask your blessing upon them and upon their families,
+ in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. All - Amen.

Priest:

Let us acknowledge our families preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist!

To our First Eucharist Families and especially our newest candidates for First Eucharist, both here and at home, may the Lord God help you in a special way in the weeks ahead as you prepare to come to be fed at the table of the Lord. I bless you now + In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Priest:

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