

First Communion

2024-2025

Important dates throughout the year.
Mark your calendars.



Each week we are invited to Sunday Mass to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Teach the importance of Mass by bringing your children each week. Remind them they will receive Jesus too on May 3, 2025.

October 13 - Rite of Enrollment 10AM Mass

Children are invited to come forward as a public witness to this year of preparation for First Holy Communion. The whole community of Jesus the Divine Word is present to pray for them during this year.

January 25 – First Reconciliation Retreat 9:00am-12:30pm

A half day retreat with parent and child to learn more about the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

January 12 – First Minor Rite 10:00am Mass

At Mass children will receive a candle as a reminder to share the Light of Christ by way of their baptismal call.

February 22 – First Reconciliation 10:00am-11:30am

Children will participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

February 9 – Second Minor Rite 10:00am Mass

At Mass children will receive a bible - the inspired Word of God

March 9 – Third Minor Rite 10:00am Mass

At Mass children will receive a Cross as a reminder of Jesus' saving work on the Cross.

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April 5 – First Communion Retreat

A retreat from 9AM-1:30PM for parent and child to prepare for First Holy Communion on May 3, 2025.

A light breakfast and lunch will be served.

April 6 - Fourth Minor Rite 10:00am Mass

At Mass children will receive a bottle of Holy Water to remind them of their baptism & the call to be holy.

May 1 – First Communion Rehearsal 5:00pm (Church)

Practice the logistics of First Communion. Please arrive on time so we can have the full hour to run through the parts of the Mass a few times.

This helps the children feel comfortable on First Communion day.

May 3 – First Holy Communion 11:00am

(children arrive 10:30AM Doran Hall)

First Holy Communion Mass at Jesus the Divine Word Church. Arrive early to find a seat and prepare for this long-awaited day.

May 4 – Second Holy Communion – Come back to Mass @ 5PM (vigil) 8AM, or 10AM

Come back to Mass on Sunday to allow your children to receive Jesus in the Eucharist again. They can wear their first communion attire if they wish.

May 12 – May Crowning 10:00AM Mass

First Communion students will lead the congregation to the statue of the Blessed Mother for crowning of Mary. Wear First Communion attire again as you process to the statue.