



ST. PANCRATIUS CHURCH

FAMILY MINISTRIES

FIRST COMMUNION MASS 2026 INFORMATION

Who can attend the Mass?

Each child making their First Communion will be able to walk in the procession with two adults. The two adults can be parents, grandparents, godparents, it's up to you however, it's only TWO ADULTS walking in per child. Additional Family members may attend and sit in the pews behind the First Communion Participants. (*Godparents for First Communion are NOT required and do not play a role within the Mass*).

What do we wear?

The celebration of First Holy Eucharist is a very exciting time for the whole family. Appropriate attire for First Communion should be simple and age appropriate. The attire of the children AND Parents should not distract from the focus of receiving the Sacrament. Please use the following guidelines when choosing your child's attire.

BOYS

- **Shirt:** White only, long sleeve full button dress shirt. No polo style shirts please.
- **Pants:** Navy or black dress pants with appropriate belt.
- **Tie:** Solid, stripe or other subtle print please. Bow tie is ok.
- **Shoes:** Dark colored dress shoes with dark socks. No athletic shoes.

Dress jackets are optional.

GIRLS

- **Dresses:** White dress. Shoulders should be covered.
- **Shoes and socks:** White, low-heeled dress shoes. No high heels. Open toe shoes are fine. White ankle socks, tights or nude color hose.
- **Veil and headpiece:** Shoulder length sheer white with simple headpiece. A floral wreath is ok. No large tiaras or bridal headpieces.
- **Gloves:** White gloves are optional but must be removed before receiving Communion.

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How early do we have to be there?

Children need to check in with the Family Ministries Team at least 30 minutes before Mass begins on the day of their First Communion Mass.



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What should we bring?

You are not required to bring anything. However, during the First Communion Mass, there will be a special moment for the priests to bless gifts the children may have, such as rosaries, Bibles, or crosses.

Rehearsal and First Reconciliation Day

The rehearsal and First Reconciliation (Confession) is on the same day. We will go over a few things such as processing in at the beginning of Mass and going up to receive Communion. The children will get to taste an unconsecrated host. The First Reconciliation (Confession) will be done after rehearsal. This is mandatory for every child and their parents.

Photos

Families are allowed to take photos in the Church before Mass and outside after Mass. We discourage photos during the Mass so we can keep it sacred and prayerful. There will be an opportunity for each family to take a photo with our Priests after Mass.