

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School First Holy Communion Program

Requirements, Important Dates, Objectives and Guidelines

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Requirements for First Holy Communion and Expectations

- Child must be baptized**- Please submit baptismal certificate to the school.
If not baptized please call the OLPH Office before October 28th to arrange.
- Attend Sunday Mass**- Turn in Mass Cards to your teacher. Dates are on the cards.
- Learn basic prayers**- These are also part of the school religion curriculum.
- Make their First Reconciliation** 2nd Grade and older students will do this April 19th.

First Holy Communion preparation is a 2-year process beginning in Grade 1

Children are required to have sufficient knowledge and careful preparation so that they understand the mystery of Christ and the Eucharist and are well prepared to receive the the body of Christ with faith and devotion.

The Focus of Religious Education

1st Grade students are invited to know, love, and trust God and His love story.

2nd Graders and older students are prepared specifically for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion by learning that our faith is God's work of salvation, and focusing on God's infinite love and mercy which they will encounter in the sacraments. They will learn the steps involved in receiving the Sacraments.

OLDER STUDENTS' PARENTS MAY ARRANGE FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS. THESE STUDENTS WILL WORK WITH THEIR RELIGION TEACHERS.

Important Dates for Catechumens and Parents 2022 - 2023

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| Thurs., Sept. 22, 6pm at school | 1 st & 2 nd Grade Parent Meeting |
| Wed., March 8, 2023 6pm at school | 2 nd & Upper Grades parent meeting with details.
Bring your questions about attire and any other details. |
| Thurs., March 16, 2023 | 1 st Grade Retreat |
| Thurs., April 13, 2023 | 2 nd Grade Retreat with Upper Grade Students |
| Wed., April 19, 2023 during school | First Reconciliation Grade 2 and upper grades
(Children will make their Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving their First Holy Communion.) |
| Saturday, April 22, 2023 11:00 am | First Holy Communion Mass
Photography will be available! |
| Thursday, May 11, 2023 8:15 am | School May Crowning Mass
Students who received 1 st Communion this year will participate in this special Mass and parents are invited. |

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