

EUCCHARIST: HomeStudy Guidelines

Parent Ed Dates: Sacramental Preparation

It is strongly suggested that you attend our bi-monthly parent education nights, as supplemental materials and discussions will be provided to help facilitate your teaching the lessons at home to your child.

- JAN 28 Lesson 1: Belonging
- FEB 4 Lesson 2: Gathering
- FEB 25 Lesson 3: Listening
- MAR 4 Lesson 4: Giving Thanks and Praise
- MAR 11 Lesson 5: Remembering
- APR 8 Lesson 6: Sharing a Holy Meal
- APR 15 Lesson 7: Serving Others

—————*After Sacrament*—————

- MAY 6 Lesson 8: Living Eucharist

Prayers to Memorize

It is very important that you work with your child on memorizing these prayers at home. To support this process, your child will be regularly, to work with our 'prayer team' catechists.

- Glory Be
- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Act of Contrition

In addition to prayer memorization, your child will need to complete workbook, pass sacramental interview, and attend the May 2nd retreat.

Interview Questions

Once your child has memorized all their prayers, they may make an appointment to come in 5 min early (or stay 5 min late) to complete their home study interview. Please discuss these questions with them prior to setting this interview.

What words would you use to describe God? *Loving, forgiving, patient*

Who are the three persons of one God? *The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*

Please make the Sign of the Cross.

Who is Jesus? *Son of God.....truly God - truly Human, friend, guide, brother, savior*

What are the 5 steps of Reconciliation? *Using 'big words': Examination of Conscience, Confession of Sins, Act of Contrition, Absolution and Penance /or/ 'small words': think of sins, tell them to priest, tell God we are sorry, receive forgiveness and do penance.)*

What is greatest Commandment? *Love God with all your heart and love each other as yourself.*

What are the Ten Commandments? *Rules that we need to do in order to follow God and be happy.*

How long must we fast prior to receiving Holy Communion? *1 hour (except for water or medicine)*

What do we do prior to receiving Holy Communion? *Bow*

Upon giving you Holy Communion, the Eucharistic Minister says, "The Body of Christ" to which we respond by saying? *Amen (which means "I believe")*

What should we do upon reception of Eucharist? *Spend time in prayer with Jesus, thanking Him, expressing our love for Him, and expressing needs and concerns we would like to share with Him. If the congregation is singing, they should join in.*

Understand the importance of meeting our Sunday obligation? *Attending Mass to hear God's Word, to offer Jesus and ourselves to the Heavenly Father, and to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.*

Describe specific ways that we show our love for God and thank Jesus for sharing His life with us? *Trying to live like Him, even when it is difficult to do. Spread God's love to others with our actions and words.*

Important Dates to Know

Feb 11: Review of Mass

March 18: Reconciliation

May 2: Eucharist Retreat (5pm mass - 8pm) **required*

- *5pm MASS followed dinner*
- *6:30pm-8pm REHEARSAL, DECORATING CHURCH w/BANNERS, PICTURES*

1st Communion Dates

There will be a 1st Communion mass, in Spanish, on MAY 9th at 11am.

All children are welcome to sign up to receive their 1st Communion during the following masses:

- **Sat, May 9 at 5pm**
- **Sun, May 10 at 10:30am**
- **Sun, May 17 at 10:30am**
- **Sat, May 23 at 5pm**
- **Sun, May 24 at 10:30am**
- *Note: These will be regular masses, so First Communicants will walk into the church with Fr. Don, have a pew saved for them/family to sit, read the intentions &/or bring up the gifts during mass, and be first to receive Communion. There will not be professional photography provided unless there is a large group and they plan it. *I have names/numbers, upon request.*

DRESS CODE FOR MASS

Boys:

- Suit /or/ pants and a light colored shirt (tie is optional)
- NO jeans, NO sneakers

Girls:

- Sleeved, white dress with hem (below knee) dress shoes
- Veils may be worn in hair, but cannot cover face.
- *IF your child chooses to wear gloves, they will need to be removed prior to receiving communion or must receive in mouth.*

Questions or concerns – please contact Shelly Didway @ parish office OR cell: 503-522-1375