



St. Francis Xavier's First Holy Communion Program

Students in second grade are invited to join our Religious Education program for preparation to receive their First Holy Communion in May. **First Holy Communion is one of the most important moments in your child's spiritual life.** In receiving the Eucharist for the first time, your child is not just participating in a tradition—they are being united with Jesus in a deep and personal way. The Eucharist is the very heart of our Catholic faith: it is Jesus Himself, truly present, given to us out of love.

As parents, you are the first and most influential teachers of the faith. What you say and do—especially your example of prayer, reverence, and regular Mass attendance—forms the foundation of your child's relationship with God. Attending Mass each Sunday as a family and praying together at home show your child that faith is not just a lesson learned in a classroom but a way of life lived with love and consistency.

Preparing for First Holy Communion is not just about learning prayers and the sign of the cross. It's about helping your child fall in love with Jesus. And no one can guide them in that love more powerfully than you.

Program Requirements:

In order to support a vibrant life of faith, **all students** - whether enrolled in **Catholic school or public school** - are expected to:

- **Attend Sunday Mass weekly**
- **Pray daily as a family**
- **Participate in Religious Education sessions twice per month**

Class and Mass Attendance:

- All second-grade students, whether enrolled in Catholic or public school, are required to attend all scheduled classes.
- **participation in Sunday Mass**
 - Mass times at St. Francis: Saturday 4:00 PM | Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
- *On days when class meets at 9:15 AM, we ask that all students attend the 8:00 AM Mass and sit with their family in reserved pews in the front left of the Church.*

Parent Involvement:

- Parents of **public school students** in Grade 2 are **required to attend** the **Family of Faith adult meeting** held during the **first session of each month**.
- There are also four additional family events throughout the year designed to strengthen our faith as families. We strongly encourage you to prioritize these family events as they will help your son or daughter prepare to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

****Please see the calendar for all required classes/meetings.**

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St. Francis Xavier Sacramental Preparation: First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

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- October 4, 2026
- October 18, 2026
- November 1, 2026
- November 15, 2026
- December 6, 2026
- December 20, 2026
- January 10, 2027
- January 24, 2027
- February 7, 2027
- February 28, 2027
- March 7, 2027
- March 21, 2027
- April 4, 2027
- April 25, 2027
- May 2, 2027
- May 16, 2027 Family Rosary and Party

Other Important Dates

(All events held at St. Francis Xavier Church)

Teaching Mass for Families

Sunday November 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Family Advent Holy Hour

Wednesday December 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Lenten Penance Service for Families

Sunday February 28, 2027 at 6:00 PM

First Reconciliation

Sunday March 7, 2027 at 6:00 PM

First Holy Communion Rehearsal

Thursday April 29, 2027 at 6:00 PM

First Holy Communion

Sunday May 2, 2027 at 12:30 PM