

FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 2 OF FHC

REQUIREMENTS

- † Student must be baptized
- † Student must have attended 2 years of sacramental preparation
- † Student should be attending Sunday Mass at St. Philip
- † Required documents (*deadline - April 19th, 2026*)
 - Certificate of Baptism
 - First Communion Register Information Form
 - Birth Certificate
- † Pass the FHC Exam with a score of 75% or higher
 - Prayers: all the prayers recited with the Rosary; Act of Contrition and Mass responses

IMPORTANT DATES

- † **TOUR OF THE CONFESSIONAL - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2026**
 - 10:00 pm - 11:00 am, church
 - Students must be accompanied by a parent
- † **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT - JESUS DAY - THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD, 2026**
 - 7:45 am - 3:00 pm
 - Cost: \$40
 - Some of the activities for the day:
 - Mass at 8:00am (parents are welcome to attend)
 - Games outside
 - Adoration and prayer time in the church
 - Confession (if possible)
 - Time for homework
 - Practice of receiving Holy Communion
- † **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**
 - During Sunday Masses (Saturday, 5:30pm; Sunday, 8am, 10:30am, 1pm & 4pm) on:
 - May 9th - 10th
 - May 16th - 17th
 - May 23rd - 24th
 - Parents will receive a link to sign up for the Mass of their choice

ROLE OF THE PARENTS

- a. General teachings
 - Friendship with Jesus
 - God the Father and Jesus the Son are good and merciful
- b. Specific teachings on Confession ➔ Forgiveness
 - Prayers (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and Act of Contrition)
 - Ten Commandments
 - Examination of Conscience
- c. Specific teachings on the Holy Eucharist ➔ Real Presence
 - Food for the body; Food for the soul

- Preparing for a Visit by Jesus
- Thanksgiving to Jesus for Coming
- d. Example of the parents
 - Sunday Mass – every Sunday
 - Daily Prayer in the Home
 - Regular Confession

RECEPTION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DURING SUNDAY MASS

ARRIVAL

- Please arrive **30 minutes before the Mass** you have chosen

ATTIRE

- **Girls:** should wear a white dress.
- **Older girls:** Dress appropriate for Church; i.e., modest, well fitting dresses which fall below the knees. The dresses should have sleeves and should not be low cut. Dress shoes, appropriate for Church and with heels not too high
- **Note:** if the girl's dress is not sufficiently modest, then she will be required to wear a white robe during the ceremony
- White veils (preferably not Mom's wedding veil), wreath of flowers or white bow is recommended but not required
- Girls & gloves: must be white and removed before they leave their seat to receive First Communion
- No purses, bibles or rosaries will be permitted in their seats
- **Boys:** should dress in a suit and tie or in a jacket, tie, dress slacks and dress shoes

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Photography during the Mass is not allowed
- Individual photographs by the families with or without the priests may be taken after Mass

CONCELEBRATING CLERGY

- If anyone has a family member or guest who would like to concelebrate please notify the pastor as soon as possible

SEATING

- First Communicants and family will occupy the pews in the front

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATE

- Certificates will be issued upon request starting in June