

First Reconciliation & First Communion 2021-2022

Attendance at all sessions is expected for the child and at least one (preferably Catholic) parent. Please call to request childcare for younger siblings.

First Reconciliation

Wednesday sessions: 6:00-7:30PM, Parish Center (PC)
September 8th and 22nd
October 6th and 20th
November 3rd and 17th

First Reconciliation Service: 5-7PM, Church
Advent 2020

First Communion

Wednesday sessions: 6:00-7:30PM, Parish Center
January 12th and 26th
February 9th and 23rd
March 9th and 30th
April 20 Rehearsal (Church)

Individual portraits (optional): TBD

Mass of First Eucharist:
The weekend of April 23-24, 10:30AM Mass

Please check your emails for any updates
regarding class dates



Our Lady of Light Catholic Community



First Reconciliation & First Communion Program Information

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Customary Preparation Ages

At Our Lady of Light Parish and throughout the Diocese of Venice, the customary grade for beginning preparations for First Reconciliation and First Communion is the second grade or older.

Expectations

• **Weekly Mass Attendance**

The celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass) is the central point around which parish life and Faith Formation flow. **Weekly participation in the Mass is an expectation** of all children preparing to celebrate the sacraments. If you are not regularly participating in weekly Mass, please contact the office prior to registering.

We also invite and encourage your family to **be an active part** of the Mass celebration. Consider signing up your family members to serve in the roles of altar server (youth or adult), reader, greeter, usher, and Eucharistic Minister. Our Lady of Light also holds monthly “Children’s Masses” at which the children are involved with these various liturgical ministries. Contact the Office for more information.

• **Program expectations**

Children preparing for the celebration of sacraments this year:

- Must be attending Mass weekly
- Must also be registered in the Parish
- Must have actively participated in a Faith Formation program or Catholic School last year
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- May not miss more than two Footsteps in Faith sessions per year
- May not miss any sacramental preparation sessions

The presence of one or both parents or a grandparent, preferably Catholic, is necessary at each session of sacramental preparation. The reason for this is that for many of the sessions you work directly with your child(ren).

Preparation Components

Sacramental preparations may include learning sessions, tours, videos, all-family events, outside projects, community service, home assignments, and liturgies.

Registration

The fee for First Reconciliation & Communion together: \$40.00

Your child’s Baptismal Certificate should be submitted to the Faith Formation Office by September 1st.

Communication

We will communicate with you in several ways:

- Email (primary)
- Text reminders through Remind 101
- Through our parish website:

<https://www.ourladyoflight.com/first-reconciliation-and-eucharist/>

Please let the Office know if your contact information changes at any time this year.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Chelsea Plesko in the Parish Office at (239) 267-7088, x245 or by email at Chelsea@ourladyoflight.com

Opportunities to Serve

If a member of your family is an altar server or a commissioned Eucharistic Minister in the Parish, you may request that they take part in the First Communion Mass. If you desire to participate in either of these ways, you may train and be commissioned before the First Communion Mass. Please ask at the office for details.