

Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Parish

First Reconciliation and First Communion

2023-2024

Preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion at Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Church, begins with the parent/s being the first teacher for their children in the ways of the faith. At that time, children need to learn prayers and begin to discover the meaning of their Catholic faith. The children who are members of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, receive these sacraments usually in Second grade.

As stated in the Rite of Baptism, parents are the primary teachers of their children in the ways of faith. With this in mind, parent/s will gather each month to learn and discuss what they will teach their child in the next few weeks. The first semester will focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the second will focus on First Holy Communion. These meetings assist parents in their understanding of the significance of the sacraments and guide them in preparing their child/ren to receive these sacraments.

Parental involvement is the key to prayer, worship, and catechesis. Parents are examples of the faith by attending Mass weekly with their child/ren. The godparents, grandparents, and coordinators may be additional role models, but it is important to stress that parental involvement shows interest and commitment for the entire family.

Eucharist is about Jesus and the Church. Each person – from the coordinators, parent catechists, children, and the entire faith community of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Parish – is invited to grow in faith and be open to the gift of Jesus' loving and merciful presence.

Sacramental registration forms need to be returned to Chris Vital by September 14th.

The celebration of First Reconciliation will take place as a family during January 2024.

The celebration of First Communion will take place during each of the Masses on the weekend of May 4th & 5th, 2024.

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The children must be registered in the program and are required to participate in the following activities:

Weekly Mass – sign-in each week at Mass in the book near the Parish Office door, in the Gathering Area.

Parent Catechists Sacrament Preparation weekly – monthly sessions for parents to teach their children for the next four weeks.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, September 14 th	– 6:30PM – Prince of Peace Parish Hall
Thursday, October 12 th	– 6:30PM – Prince of Peace Parish Hall
Thursday, November 9 th	– 6:30PM – Prince of Peace Parish Hall
Thursday, December 14 th	– 6:30PM – Prince of Peace Parish Hall
Saturday, January 2024	- Sacrament of Reconciliation Celebrated
Thursday, January 11 th	– 6:30PM – Prince of Peace Parish Hall
Thursday, February 8 th	– 6:30PM – Prince of Peace Parish Hall
Thursday, March 7 th	– 6:30PM – Prince of Peace Parish Hall
Thursday, April 11 th	– 6:30PM – Prince of Peace Parish Hall
Thursday, May 2 nd	– 6:30 PM – First Communion Practice for children and parents
Weekend, May 4 th & 5 th	– Sat., 5:00 PM, Sun., 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:00 PM - Sacrament of First Communion Celebrations

Dress Code for First Communion

- Girls wear white and dress shoes—dresses of modest cut and style. Covering of the shoulders and down pass the knees. Girls may wear veils.
- Boys wear dress clothes - shirt, tie, dress pants or suit or sweater/dress pants and dress shoes. Shirts are tucked in.

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Registration Form
2023-2024

Child's Name _____
First Middle Last

Current Address _____
City State

City & State of Child's Birth _____ Birth Date _____

Age on May 4 or 5, 2024 _____ Baptism Date _____

Baptism Place _____
(Church name and denomination) (Example: Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Catholic Church)

_____ Address of Church City State Zip

NOTE: This Baptismal Certificate needs to be attached if the child was not baptized at Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Parish.

Father's Name _____
First Middle Last

Is Father Catholic? Yes or No

Mother's Name _____
First Middle Last

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Is Mother Catholic? Yes or No

Phone number (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email _____

If you are not a registered Prince of Peace Parish member, please get in touch with Brenda Bertram as soon as possible (242-3311 or clintonjcpoodre@diodav.org). Registered members receive the parish envelopes in the mail.