

Our Lady of Light Family Incarnation | St. Francis First Holy Communion

*Dear Parents,
The parish staff has been praying you and
your children all year!*

*Thank you for valuing the gift of faith &
prayer, and bringing your child to the altar
to receive Jesus personally in the Eucharist!
What a grace for everyone!*

*We want to thank our teachers & catechists
who, all year long, have shared the love of
Jesus & the truth of the Gospel in preparing
for this day!*

*We hope this additional page will be helpful
with last minute preparations.*

It is going to be a holy, happy day!

-Christine McGrath & Parish Team

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PREPARATION

Your child is ready!

- Classroom Instruction
- Mini-Retreats in class
- Practice in the church
- Review of Prayers
- Banner Kit with instructions
- Practice with cup & bread

CLOTHING

Of course, wear white!

Check for comfort and snug shoes! Girls-
white dress /optional veil

Boys-white dress shirt/long pants/tie

WHAT TO BRING ON THE DAY

- * Your Banner-hang on your pew
- * Items you want to have blessed.
- * Special FC items: veil, jacket ...
- * Camera-for Photos AFTER Mass
up at the altar for group, family, and
individual photos with priests.
- * No photos during Mass please.

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ITEMS

Bring any religious gifts or items
up front after Mass for a blessing.

The priest can bless all items at once.

(Rosary/Bible/Religious jewelry/ candle)

ON THE BIG DAY DETAILS

ARRIVE at least 15 minutes early please
Parents have two jobs when they arrive
at the church:

1. Place your banner on the pew to
reserve it for your family.
2. Bring your child for a final review of
details of the day to:

At Incarnation - to the Bride Room

At St. Francis - to Library Area

(Ask someone to show you where if
unsure, your child probably knows too!)

THE PROCESSION INTO MASS

Your child will join in the Entrance Procession for
Mass --a unique honor which may not ever happen
again, as it's usually reserved only for clergy/servers.
The Church honors First Communicants in this way,
because of the tremendous gift it is to receive Jesus in
the host. This really makes the First Communion
Mass exciting & memorable for them.

SEATING

Your child will sit in reserved pews in the very front of
church with the other First Communicants, with our
staff and kind volunteers to accompany them. Sitting
together up front gives them an unobstructed view of
the altar and allows the priest to speak to them directly
during the homily. Very special!

First Communicant seating is on the Mary (statue) side
of each church:

Incarnation - first pews on the LEFT

St. Francis - first pews on the RIGHT

AFTER MASS

Come up to the front by the altar for:

- * Photos with priests & families
- * Group Photo of FC children
- * Blessing of religious items
- * Certificates given to parents

WHAT'S NEXT? - JUNE 2, 2024

Feast Day of Corpus Christi

You and your child, in their special Communion
clothing, are invited to a special OLL Mass, as part of
an international celebration of the Eucharist.

More info to your email soon!