

## Communion Attire

### Girls

- The Communion Dress is usually white or off-white, like a baptismal outfit to represent purity.
- The shoulders must be covered in church, so if the dress has spaghetti straps, please also bring a covering/shawl.
- The dress may have color in it as well. The dress should be no longer than 3/4 length, allowing the girls to walk comfortably.
- Please do not allow the girls to wear high-heels or flip flops. Sandals must have a back strap.
- Veils are permitted, but can be no longer than the dress.
- Anklets, stockings, bare legs and knee high socks are permitted.

### Boys

- Boys wear either a suit or dress pants and a sports jacket. The color does not matter.
- The color of the button down dress shirt does not matter, but many wear a white shirt as a symbol of purity, as in Baptism.
- The color of the tie does not matter, but one must be worn.
- Dress shoes are to be worn.
- A boy may wear an armband if the family chooses and should be worn on the left arm.

## ***First Holy Communion Rehearsal***

An email reminder will be sent the day prior to your child's scheduled rehearsal. The doors will open 15 minutes before the start time. We ask that you remind your child to enter the church reverently and bless themselves with holy water. You will bring your child's banner to the rehearsal so that we can show you how this is to be placed on the pew for the First Holy Communion celebration. Banners will be taken home at the end of the rehearsal.

## ***First Holy Communion Day***

The church doors will open 25 minutes before Mass is to begin. We will be inside making sure the church is clean and presentable for you. Please do not bang on the doors. We cannot begin without you!

Please *quietly* enter the church, making sure to dispose of any water bottles, coffee, gum, etc. before entering, and bless yourself with holy water.

Please bring your banner with you and place it at the end of the pew, as done in rehearsal. The communicant will sit closest to the main aisle. Please sit quietly in the row and one of the staff members will come to greet you.

An announcement will be made before Mass begins. This will mean all cameras are to be put away and all phones are to be turned off, as there is no picture taking from this point on, out of respect for the Sacrament.

After Mass, you are welcomed to take pictures inside or outside the church. The St. Rose of Lima statue in the Narthex and the front of the church are two places most people take pictures.

## ***Additional Dates to Remember***

A lesson on the Saints will be held on **Monday, October 30 at 4:30 and 5:30PM**. Parents may choose the preferred time to attend. An email with sign up will be sent to 2nd grade parents.

A First Reconciliation Preparation session will be held on **Monday, November 27** and **Tuesday, November 28 both at 6:30 in the school auditorium**. Parents may choose the preferred date to attend. This will help your child understand the sacrament and the process. A sign up will be sent to all parents via email on November 6.

**Sanctuary Sessions** will take place in April. Parents will select the date/time of their choice and will attend with their child.

Special **2nd Grade liturgies** will be held on October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 10, April 21 and May 5 (May Crowning) at the 10:00 AM Mass.

## ***General Information***

To be able to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, baptized Catholics must be in a state of grace, which means free of mortal sin. Our Pastor, Fr. Gerard strongly suggests that all families preparing for First Holy Communion attend Reconciliation as a family. Reconciliation is held each Saturday from 4:00-5:00 PM and after 9:00 AM Mass each week day. The Reconciliation Room is in the narthex of the church. It is also known as the Parish Library Room.

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening: 5:15 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Family Mass), 12:00 PM, and 5:15PM (Contemporary Music)

# ***First Holy Communion 2024***

***The Sacrament of  
First Holy Communion  
will be celebrated at eight liturgies  
in May***



***The liturgy assignments are indicated  
in the box under the individual  
date by class names - view name label  
to confirm class name.***

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<div>Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 11:00AM</div> <div>2A-Saturday-104 2A-Saturday-106</div>	<div>Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 3:00PM</div> <div>2-002 2-006 2-013 2A-Tuesday-101</div>	<div>Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 1:00PM</div> <div>2A-Saturday-110 2A-Tuesday-110 Group A-111</div>	<div>Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 10:30AM</div> <div>2-003 2-014 2-015 2B-Saturday-104</div>
<div>Reconciliation Service Tuesday, January 2 at 7:00PM St. Rose of Lima Church</div> <div>Rehearsal Tuesday, April 30 at 4:00PM St. Rose of Lima Church</div>	<div>Reconciliation Service Saturday, January 6 at 11:00AM St. Rose of Lima Church</div> <div>Rehearsal Wednesday, May 1 at 4:00PM St. Rose of Lima Church</div>	<div>Reconciliation Service Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00PM St. Rose of Lima Church</div> <div>Rehearsal Tuesday, May 7 at 4:00PM St. Rose of Lima Church</div>	<div>Reconciliation Service Saturday, January 20 at 12:30PM St. Rose of Lima Church</div> <div>Rehearsal Tuesday, May 14 at 4:00PM St. Rose of Lima Church</div>
<div>Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 1:00PM</div> <div>St. Rose of Lima School Mrs. O' Neill &amp; Ms. Castro 2-005</div>	<div>Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 11:00AM</div> <div>2-007 2-010 2-012</div>	<div>Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 3:00PM</div> <div>2B-Saturday-106 2B-Tuesday-101</div>	<div>Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 12:30PM</div> <div>2-001 2-004 2-008 2-009 2-011</div>
<div>Reconciliation Service Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00PM St. Rose of Lima Church</div> <div>Rehearsal Tuesday, April 30 at 5:15PM St. Rose of Lima Church</div>	<div>Reconciliation Service Saturday, January 6 at 12:30PM St. Rose of Lima Church</div> <div>Rehearsal Monday, May 6 at 4:00PM St. Rose of Lima Church</div>	<div>Reconciliation Service Saturday, January 20 at 11:00AM St. Rose of Lima Church</div> <div>Rehearsal Tuesday, May 7 at 5:15PM St. Rose of Lima Church</div>	<div>Reconciliation Service Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00PM St. Rose of Lima Church</div> <div>Rehearsal Tuesday, May 14 at 5:15PM St. Rose of Lima Church</div>