

## KEY 2022-2023 DATES FOR SECOND YEAR CANDIDATES FOR FIRST COMMUNION

Beginning this fall, families can complete our First Communion **Family Preparation Activities** over the course of two-year preparation period, instead of concentrating all of them in the second year of preparation.

While we are in transition from our former approach, our current second year candidate schedule will still include the completion of all the **Family Preparation Activities**

For details on each of the Family Preparation Activities refer to the document, **STEPS IN THE PREPARATION PROCESS FOR FIRST COMMUNION**, that was emailed to you from the Faith Office and is on the parish website.

If you have any questions, please email [kmchale@holymfamilyparish.org](mailto:kmchale@holymfamilyparish.org) or [phanrahan@holymfamilyparish.org](mailto:phanrahan@holymfamilyparish.org)

### Schedule for Second Year Candidates

- Proof that the candidate's family are registered Parishioners in a Catholic parish. Submit by **September 1, 2022**,
- Submission of candidates Baptismal Certificate by **September 9, 2022**
- Attendance at the monthly Family Masses
  - Dates of Masses:** Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Jan 22, Feb 12, Mar 19, Apr 23 and May 14
- Parent Meeting, **Introduction to First Communion** – Two dates are offered, choose one
  - Option 1: **Wednesday, September 21, 7:00-8:30 pm** at Holy Family
  - Option 2: **Wednesday, September 28, 7:00-8:30 pm** at Holy Family
- **The Rite of Welcoming.** We offer two dates choose one.
  - Option 1: Sunday, October 2, 2022 at the 11:00 am Mass
  - Option 2: **Saturday, October 22, 2022 at the 5 pm** Mass.
- **Presentation on the Mass** for children, done in their classroom.
  - Faith classes **Sunday, Jan 8 2023**
  - HFCA Religion class (dates TBA)
  - An online version will be available for families to do at home.
- **Presentation of the Our Father, Sunday, Jan 22, 2023 at the 9:00 am Family Mass.**
- **First Reconciliation** on **Wednesday, Mar 1, 2023 at 6:30-7:30 pm** in the Church.
- **First Eucharist Retreat.** Choose one of the two options
  - Option 1: Live event on **Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 2:30-5:00 pm** at Holy Family
  - Option 2: An online Retreat, families can do at home at their own pace.
- **Celebration of Baptism for unbaptized candidates - Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the 11:00 am Mass**
- **Celebration of A Profession of Faith** (for candidates baptized in a Christian Church that was not Catholic (i.e. Evangelical, Lutheran, Episcopalian...)) - **Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the 11:00 am Mass**

Once you have completed all the preparation steps, we invite you to schedule a date to celebrate First Communion.

### Celebrations of First Communion for 2023

- **Saturday, May 6, 10:30am** (Class Mass) with **Mandatory Rehearsal – Thursday, May 4, 5:30pm**
- **Sunday, May 7, at the 9:00 or 11:00 am Parish Masses** (Designed for small groups)
- **Saturday, May 13 10:30 am** (Class Mass) Rehearsal – Thursday, May 11, 5:30 pm