



Saint Peter Catholic Parish

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end, we prepare for First Reconciliation prior to First Holy Communion. Preparation for the Sacraments usually takes place at the parish where you presently worship and are registered.

Role of Parents

Because you are the primary educator of your children and responsible for initiating them into the Sacramental life of the Church, you are encouraged to:

- be a living model of faith by your word and example in attending Mass weekly and on Holy Days of Obligation and resting from unnecessary work on these days,
- regularly receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation,
- praying often and continuing to deepen your faith,
- teaching your children reverence for the things of God,
- making moral decisions in accord with what the Gospel teaches,
- contributing to the life of your parish by modeling stewardship
- performing charity and service for those in need and the wider community,
- not being afraid to talk to your child about your love for Christ and the Mass, before you go and during the ride home.

Role of the First Communicants

The *minimum* expectation when presenting your child for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is that he or she:

- Know the life of Jesus:
 - Jesus is the Son of God. Mary is His mother. Jesus is God, the Second Person of the Trinity
 - Jesus taught people and showed how to follow God's law of love
 - Jesus is the source of all the Sacraments.
 - After He gave the Eucharist to His disciples at the Last Supper, His passion and death on the cross was to save us from sin and final death.
 - Jesus bodily rose from the dead.
 - Jesus ascended and is now with His Father in heaven.
- Understand the difference between ordinary bread and wine & Holy Communion:
 - At Mass, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Our Lord at the Consecration.
 - The bread and wine do not *seem* different in any way when they become the Lord Jesus, but they are.
 - When you receive the host and drink from the chalice, you receive the Lord Jesus.
- Show a desire to receive Holy Communion:
 - Jesus gave us the Eucharist because of His eternal love for us
 - Jesus gave us Reconciliation so we can receive God's pardon and peace when we refuse or turn away from that Divine love
 - Every saint has had a tremendous love of the Eucharist...and we are all called to be saints, too!

May God continue to bless you and your family during these remaining weeks of sacramental preparation.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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