

## First Eucharist Enrollment

**February 12-13, 2022**

*Following the homily – presider: Deacon Duncan Harris*

Calling Forward and

Introduction

Member of the Team:

Will our families who celebrate First Eucharist this spring--- please come forward to the front and have your child stand in front of you?

If you are viewing virtually, please stand and have your child stand in front of you.

Today, as our Christian community gathers to celebrate the Most Holy Eucharist, we pray for 93 of our children from both sister parishes & their families who begin immediate preparation for their First Eucharist to be celebrated in May of this year.

We hope that you will reach out to them and let them know of your support and prayers.

Today, these children are officially enrolled as candidates for First Eucharist. Along with their parents, they are asked to commit as a family to prayer, formation, and participating weekly in Mass--- all as part of their preparation for First Eucharist.

*(First Eucharist candidate standing in front of his/her family)*

## Rite of Enrollment

### Questions for the Parents

- Leader            **Mothers and Fathers and family** - you have come to this Mass to present your daughters and sons ---- your sisters and brothers ---- for enrollment as candidates for First Eucharist. Standing with them, shows us that you want to continue to grow as part of the family of God.  
And so I ask you:
- Leader            **Parents and family members**, are you willing to spend time in prayer, reading the bible and sharing faith with your children? If so, please say, -----“Yes, We Are”
- Leader            **Parents and family members**, are you willing to teach your children about the Mass and participate weekly in the Holy Mass? If so, please say, -----“Yes, We Are”

### Questions for the First Eucharist candidates

- Leader            And now two questions for our **children**.
- Leader            **Children**, are you going to spend time praying & learning about the Mass?  
If so, please say-----“Yes, We Are”
- Leader            **Children**, are you ready to prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion?  
If so, please say-----“Yes, We Are”

### Questions for the parish community

Leader I now ask our parish community of St. Joseph's to support these children along with their families.

Leader **Holy Spirit Parish Community**  
**St. Joseph's Parish Community**  
will you keep these children (child),  
and their families in your prayers as they  
prepare for this important commitment in their family life  
and in the Eucharist?

If so, please say, -----“Yes, We Are”

### Dismissal of the Families

Leader Will all present please extend your hands in blessing?  
Dearest First Eucharist Families and especially our First  
Eucharist candidates, may the Lord God help you in a very  
special way as you prepare to come to be fed at the Holy  
Altar of the Lord.

We pray:

+ In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

*(Recognition-applause – then First Eucharist candidates and families return to their pews)*