



Who may prepare for the 2024 reception of First Reconciliation / First Holy Communion?

- * **Any baptized child into the Catholic Church, who is seven years of age and older,**
- * **Who is registered in the St. Michael Catholic Church,**
- * **Who has participated in Catholic Religious Education (RE) during the prior year.**

AND

- * **Who is registered and participating in the Catholic Religious Education (RE) program this year**

First Reconciliation is celebrated once the child has completely studied the materials received at the parent instruction sessions described and scheduled below. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be received (on Sunday, **June 2, 2024** (the Feast of Corpus Christi)) after the child has made their First Reconciliation and completed a simple, comprehension evaluation given by the child's sacramental preparation instructor.

If your child is not baptized or has not participated in Catholic RE in 2022-2023 and/or is not enrolled in the RE for 2023-2024, please contact the Pastor, before registering the child for the sacramental preparation classes.

How do I register my child for their First (Initiation) Sacraments (Reconciliation and Eucharist)?

To register for the reception of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, please submit a parish RE registration form, reflecting the need for sacramental preparation for the child. If they were baptized at a church other than the St. Michael Parish, a legible copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate must be submitted to the Parish Office, within one month of the R.E. and sacramental preparation classes beginning.

How are children prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist?

Catechetical instructions for these Sacraments are completed **FIRST** by the Parents/Guardians within the home (as the *Domestic Church*) and supplemented by the scheduled, parish-level sacramental preparation classes.

Parents/Guardians are asked to participate in an approximately 30-minute presentation concerning how to prepare their child(ren) for Penance (Confession/Reconciliation) and Eucharist (Holy Communion). These training sessions are meant only for the Parents/Guardians. At least one parent/legal guardian is asked to please attend. Attendance at only one of the below sessions is required. No RSVP is necessary.

Scheduled at St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday, September 24, 2023, at 11:15 a.m. (in the Church's upstairs Worship Space)

At these sessions, you will receive instructional information by Fr. Bob and will pick up your materials to study with your child. There is a sacramental preparation fee (1 child: \$20.00 / 2 children: \$40.00 / maximum per family \$40.00) to cover the expense of both catechetical instruction books and printed materials. While parents/guardians are responsible for their child's first-level of sacramental preparation, there is a **very strong emphasis** in the child's participation in the classroom component of the sacramental preparation, as well.

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**2023-2024 Schedule of Sacramental Preparation Classes for
First Reconciliation and First Communion**

(All classes will be held in the St. Michael Parish Classroom area and are generally for **1 hour** in duration)
(Classes start at 11:15 p.m.)

<u>October 1, 2023, 11:15 a.m.</u> (Sunday)	Classes/Instruction for First Reconciliation
<u>November 5, 2023, 11:15 a.m.</u> (Sunday)	Classes/Instruction for First Reconciliation
<u>December 3, 2023, 11:15 a.m.</u> (Sunday)	Classes/Instruction for First Reconciliation
<u>January 7, 2024, 11:15 a.m.</u> (Sunday)	Classes/Instruction for First Eucharist/Communion
<u>February 4, 2024, 11:15 a.m.</u> (Sunday)	Classes/Instruction for First Eucharist/Communion
<u>February 25, 2024, 11:15 a.m.</u> (Sunday)	Classes/Instruction for First Eucharist/Communion

(* **HOLY WEEK**: March 24 to 30, 2024 / Easter Vigil: March 30, 2024 / Easter: March 31, 2023)

<u>TBA</u>	Classes/Instruction (Weather Make-up Day) (Sunday) (if/as needed)
<u>TBA</u> (Saturday morning)	Celebration of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation (<u>all</u> candidates for First Communion <u>must</u> participate)
<u>TBA</u>	* First Eucharist Rehearsal * * (mandatory attendance for all candidates) *
<u>June 2, 2024, 10:00 a.m.</u> (Sunday)	Celebration of the Sacrament of First Communion (Feast of Corpus Christi)