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Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Religious Education Handbook

For Communion



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Policies for completing the Communion Class:

- This is a 2 year program. Communicants must complete the 1st grade class before taking the 2nd grade class.
- Students can be absent from class no more than 3 times. If they are a note will be required.
- Students should attend mass weekly as they prepare for the sacrament.

Questions:

Important Things to Remember:

- Please secure a copy of your child's baptismal certificate as soon as possible and either drop it off or mail it to the church office at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 5135 U.S. Hwy. #1, Cocoa, FL 32927. This is vitally important as no child may receive either sacrament without a copy of his/her baptismal certificate. It need not be a certified copy; a photocopy will do. If you cannot find a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, simply call the parish where he/she was baptized and they will be happy to provide you with one. They may even fax a copy to (321) 631-2560.
- First Reconciliation is a required sacrament that must be completed prior to the Communicant receiving First Holy Communion.

Important Dates to Remember:

- First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation sessions will be on October 8th, November 12th, March 10th and April 21st @ 7:00 p.m. for <u>both</u> parents and students.
- First Reconciliation: Tuesday April 28, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.
- First Holy Communion Practice: Saturday May 2, 2019 @ 10:30 a.m.
- First Holy Communion and May Crowning: Sunday May 3, 2019 @ 10:30 a.m. mass.



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First Reconciliation Clothing Guidelines

+ For both boys and girls, Sunday best or school-type clothes are the norm.

First Communion Clothing Guidelines

- For girls, the traditional attire is a white dress with veil, white socks or tights, and white shoes. The length of the dress is up to you. A veil is not required. You may also substitute a wreath of flowers if you wish. If you wish to have your little girl wear gloves, that is perfectly fine, although not required. Please remind her, however, that her gloves must be removed before receiving the Eucharist. If you have any particular cultural or family traditions of your own regarding First Communion dress, those are also fine.
- + For boys, there are several options:
- long pants, dress shirt, dress shoes, socks, and a tie
- long pants, dress shirt, dress shoes, socks, tie, and jacket
- dark suit (long or short pants), dress shirt, dress shoes, socks, and a tie
- white suit (long or short pants), dress shirt, dress shoes, socks, and a tie
- If you have any particular cultural or family traditions (such as arm band rosettes) of your own regarding First Communion dress for boys, those perfectly fine.