



Saint Joseph First Communion Parent Meeting

Check in & create a Mass Journal for your child.

Opening Prayer – 1 Corinth. 11:23-26

- **Lectio Divina**

- *Lectio (Read)

- *Meditatio (Meditation)

- *Oratio (Prayer)

- *Contemplation (Contemplation)

- *Actio (Action)

“For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

God's Story >Your Story

- God Created
- Satan Captured
- Jesus Rescued
- We Respond

Your response includes attending Mass weekly, praying (being in relationship with God), loving your family, caring for your community, etc.





Importance of Mass

- Relationship with a person
- Setting an example for your children to follow
 - They cannot do what they do not know

Children's Preparation

01

BLESSED: FIRST
COMMUNION
PREPARATION
VIDEOS

02

WORKSHOP


03

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COMMUNION

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FIRST COMMUNION



 Dynamic Classroom

- In EMBARK Year 2 Classes
- Parent Engagement: online option
 - On <https://www.saintjosephcc.org/embark-sacrament-information>
 - Watch the videos
 - See how well you know the content: Together complete the quizzes



Frist Communion Workshop

- Saturday, March 16, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- ***For Child & Parent/Grown-up***

“Readiness”

- Are they attending Mass regularly?
- Are they able to:
 - Express a desire to receive Holy Communion
 - Have some knowledge of who Jesus is
 - Distinguish between ordinary bread and Eucharist

A close-up, low-angle shot of a reddish-brown baseball field. White chalk lines are visible on the grass. In the center, the words "ARE YOU READY?" are painted in large, bold, white capital letters. The text is slightly out of focus, giving a sense of depth and anticipation.

**ARE YOU
READY?**

First Communion Dates

- Saturday, April 27, 5:00 PM Mass – Wednesday & Middle School
- Saturday, May 4, 10:00 AM Mass – St. Joseph Catholic School
- Sunday, May 5, 9:00 AM Mass – Sunday & Home Study
- *Arrive 30 minutes prior to Mass time in the Music Room/Chapel of Peace – details will follow.
- **Saint Joseph School Children will arrive 30 minutes early in Marist Hall

Corpus Christi – June 2

Children are encouraged to wear First Communion outfits and attend your “regular” Mass time and be recognized within that community



What to wear?

- Something nice, Sunday best!
- Boys – white or light-colored dress shirt with a tie, dress pants (no jeans:, dress shoes (no sneakers), jacket/suit is optional
- Girls – white or light-colored dress, nice shoes (white is optional), veil is optional, although most girls choose to wear one.

*no gloves, purses, candles

Mass Details

- Rehearsal during EMBARK Class or scheduled week prior, after school. Will communicate more.
- Children will sit as a group
- Children will process in at the beginning of Mass.
- Arrive 30 minutes early



Pictures at First Communion!

- Pictures will be taken of all the children receiving First Communion.
- They will be posted on a secure and password protected website.
- Parents will be sent the link and password in the week or two after.
- Can view and purchase the pictures.
- Most pictures will be about \$15 for a 5x7.



Studio Pictures

- Elizabeth Buerger will offer a Studio session at Saint Joseph on Saturday, April 27 at 3:30 p.m.
- More details and sign-up will be forwarded.





Sacrament of Reconciliation

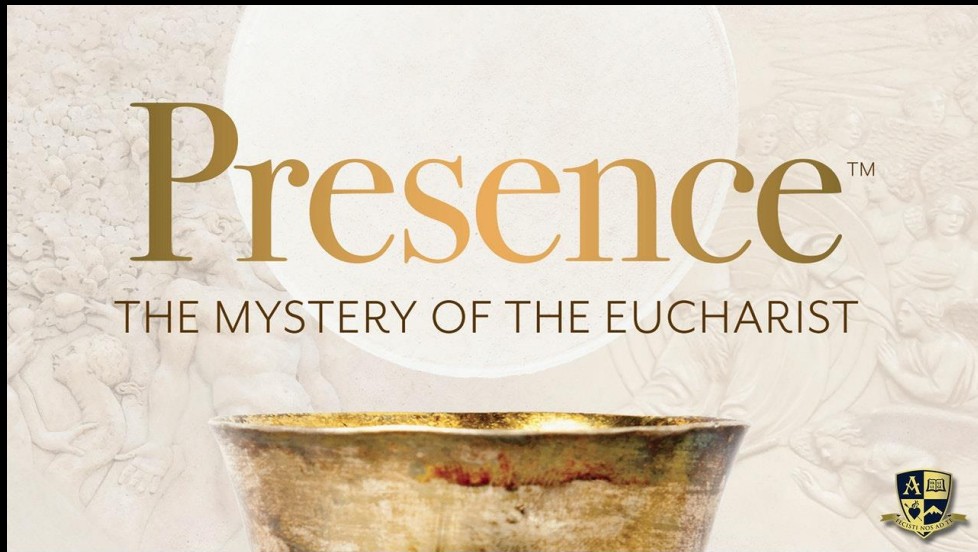
- Help to prepare your child for the reception of the Eucharist by cleansing their soul in the weeks leading up to First Reconciliation!
- With a clean soul the graces of the EUCHARIST will be more readily absorbed!
- At Saint Joseph:
 - Saturday – 9:00-10:00 a.m. & 3:30-4:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday – 5:00-6:30 p.m.
 - Lenten Penance Service – February 26, 7:00 p.m.
- Say “I’m Sorry God!” IT IS GOOD FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

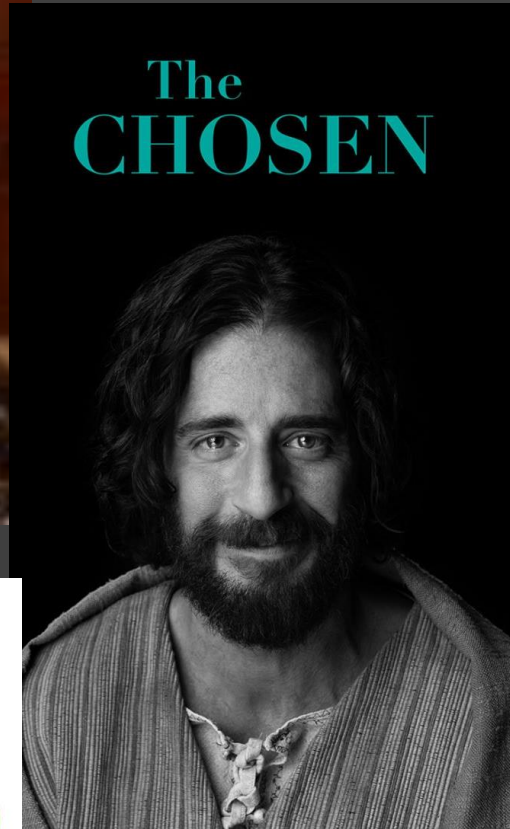
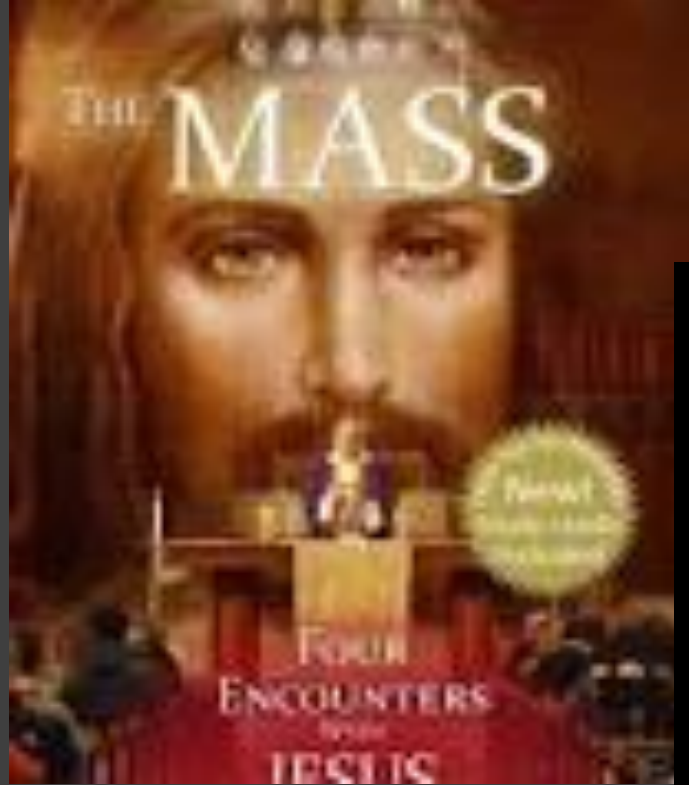
A photograph of a family from behind, standing in a church aisle. On the left, a woman in a red jacket. In the center, a young boy in a black vest over a plaid shirt. To his right, a young girl in a white shirt. On the far right, a man in a light blue shirt. They are all looking towards the altar in the distance, which features a large wooden cross and ornate decorations. The church interior has warm lighting and wooden pillars.

Sacrament Preparation for the Group

- When one person in the family is preparing for the Sacraments, it is a great opportunity for all.
- The next few slides are a few ideas for you/your family to use to grow in understanding the Sacrament of the Eucharist or in relationship with God.

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Additional ways to grown in faith:

- Attend Mass
- Daily prayer, Scripture reading, devotions
- The Mass: Four Encounters with Jesus – Book
- The Search – Video Series on Formed.org
- The Chosen – Video series



Closing Video: The Veil Removed

- Use this video for reflection about the mass.
- Each Mass is a uniting of Heaven and Earth. There are many things in the spiritual world we cannot see, and it is amplified at the Mass.
- We enter God's sacred time (which does not match our timeline) with Christ's Sacrifice being re-presented.
- For your prayer and reflection:
 - How will you approach the Mass differently this week?

A person's hands are holding a glowing, translucent yellow orb in the foreground. In the background, a group of people are standing in front of a large, ornate Gothic cathedral with many windows and arches. The scene is dimly lit, with warm light coming from the orb and some background lights.

The Veil Removed

- <https://.youtube.com/watch?vwww=OOLZDaTglaM>



4:05 / 7:15



Questions?

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have ANY questions. 😊

Thank you for being present today.

And for continuing to bring your children to Jesus. We pray many graces will be poured out upon your child and family.

Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you received – only what you have been given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage.

-St. Francis of Assisi

