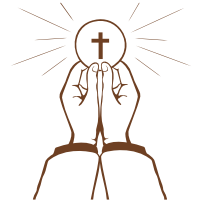




Requirements for Receiving First Holy Communion



It has always been the policy of the Archdiocese of Baltimore that all children preparing to receive a sacrament—whether they attend a public school, a Catholic school, or are homeschooled—must participate in the parish's sacramental preparation program. This program is separate from the regular Family Faith Formation program.

To receive First Holy Communion, the following requirements must be met:

- Parents must be registered members of St. Mary's Church
- The child must be baptized in the Catholic Church.
- Parents must provide a copy of the child's baptismal certificate to St. Mary's Church office.
- The child must have completed first grade and be at least 7 years old.
- Parents must attend all required parent meetings and classes (see schedule).
- The child must attend all sacramental preparation classes (see schedule).
- Both the child and at least one parent must attend the First Holy Communion Retreat.
- The child must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) before receiving First Holy Communion.

