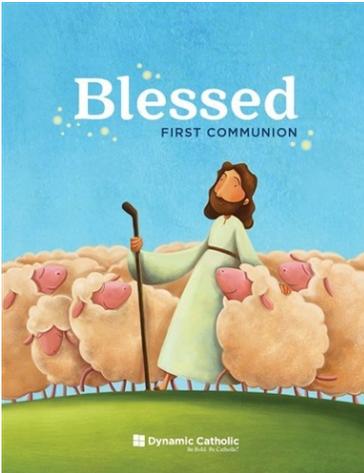


First Communion Preparation - Winter/Spring 2018



Mass Attendance: In order for children to fully grasp this Sacrament and its meaning in their life, weekly Sunday Mass attendance is vital. It provides the context for their class learning, and gives the foundation for their budding Eucharistic spirituality.

Enrollment: Enrollment and Baptismal information must be completed and submitted to the CFF office by *October 31, 2018*.

Enrollment Mass Blessing: All children will be formally enrolled as Candidates for this initiation Sacrament at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, November 3, 2018. Fr. Loc will have the candidates for Eucharist and Confirmation Sacraments stand for a blessing as a sign of their enrollment into preparation for the Sacraments. You may sit anywhere in the church with your child during Mass.

Monday & Wednesday Classes: Children are led by their teachers through a variety of activities and reflections to encounter and begin to understand the meaning of Eucharist. Preparation will use Dynamic Catholic's *Blessed* program: "*The Blessed program research shows that "cognitive retention in children from ages 6-10 is directly linked to emotional connection". Lessons and content are "backed by rigorous research and testing." The books cover basic Catholic knowledge for children while encouraging them to be "the best version of themselves". It includes a children's Catechism at the back of the book. Blessed also makes use of the latest technology to engage families and create an unforgettable experience for children. In today's busy society parents are struggling to fit it all in. Blessed makes it easier to access content, giving families the opportunity to engage at their pace allowing us to better meet them where they are at while providing the highest level of preparation we can provide. All video content is available online, and parents can sign up for a weekly email to journey with their students.*" <https://dynamiccatholic.com/blessed>

Family Time: Parents and children discover and reflect on Eucharist by completing the Blessed weekly pages. Families are asked to complete the pages at the end of each chapter with your child. The simple "Show What You Know" and "Journal with Jesus" pages help to facilitate family discussion and strengthen the understanding of the Eucharist. Books will be checked throughout the year as a way to observe that the child is receiving reinforcement education at home for a strong faith foundation.



Celebration of First Eucharist

Each child will celebrate their first Eucharist with their family and parish community during a weekend liturgy.

Mass assignments: Mass assignments are randomly selected and will be emailed in November. If the Mass assigned does not work for your family contact Mary Krell at mkrell@holyfamilycaldonia.org or call 891-8867 to inquire about switching Masses. Last date to switch is Feb. 28, 2019.

Practice: Practice will be held during class the week of April 15 and 17. Students and at least one parent must attend the practice.

When: Eucharist celebration Masses are on April 27 at 5:00pm or April 28 at 11:00am.

The flow of the celebrations

- One pew at the front of church will be reserved for each family.
- The children and their parent/s will receive Eucharist before the congregation.
- A group photo will be taken before the Masses.



In cases of custody

Please provide a legal documentation verifying the custodial arrangement of this child. Please note: joint custody requires a letter of permission for this Sacrament from both parents, whether Catholic or non-Catholic. In cases of sole custody where the person completing this form is not the custodial parent, a letter of permission is required from the parent who has sole custody. This letter of permission can be obtained on the Parish website, or by calling the Faith Formation office. In cases where the parent is not presenting the child for the Sacrament, (ex. grandparent, foster parent), please contact the Faith Formation office at 891-8867 for information.