

First Holy Communion Children Mass of Enrolment

After the homily, the candidates with their parents and families come forward.

The First Communion children stand on the sanctuary steps facing the congregation, their parents and families remain at floor level, facing their children, but to the left hand side, so that the general congregation can see better.

Fr. Michael speaks to the parents:

Dear parents, when your children were baptised, you opened them to the life of faith, and promised to help them to grow and appreciate and live their faith. The time is now drawing near for them to take a new step in their journey of faith. Are you prepared to help your children, as they deepen their faith and experience of the love of God in Christ our Saviour? Are you willing to teach them by word and example of the Good News, and to pray with them so that they may come to share more fully in receiving Jesus in Holy Communion and his forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession?

Parents: We are.

Fr. Michael speaks to the children:

Boys and girls, since you were baptised, your parents, your teachers, and your friends, have helped you to grow in many ways. Now it is time for you to get ready to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, and to receive his forgiveness when you come to Confession. You will be learning and praying about Holy Communion, at home, in school, and in the hall on some Saturday mornings. Do you promise to do your best in this time of getting ready?

Children: We do.

Fr. Michael calls the children by name, one by one. They give him their certificate.

The Prayers of the Faithful

Fr. Michael speaks to the parishioners:

We have all witnessed these children and their parents pledging themselves to prepare for the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confession. They will celebrate these sacraments and grow in their faith in the midst of our community. So I ask you all gathered here to remember these children and their families in your prayers. May the grace of God and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit be with them and with us all as we celebrate the mystery of Christ and His love for us all.

All parishioners: Thanks be to God.