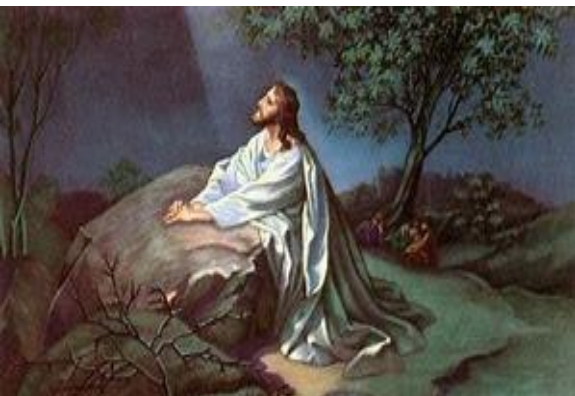


Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation

We invite you to read the following information which will help answer some questions you may have about the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.



Reconciliation

“The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a Sacrament of healing. When I go to confession, it is in order to be healed, to heal my soul, to heal my heart and to be healed of some wrongdoing”.

Pope Francis - General Audience Feb. 2014



First Eucharist

The word 'communion' means to be united with; Catholics believe that in Holy Communion we are united in a special way with Jesus Christ. At his last supper, Jesus said of the bread that he shared among his followers, "Take and eat, this is my body." When we receive Holy Communion, Catholics believe that in a mysterious way we are sharing in the body and blood of Christ.

Holy Communion and the whole celebration is also known as Eucharist, from a Greek word meaning thanksgiving.

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Confirmation

The rite of Confirmation recalls and renews the promises made at Baptism and invokes a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Just as Jesus received the outpouring of the Spirit at his baptism in order to carry out his messianic mission, the Church prays that we too may receive the gifts and fruits of the Spirit that enable us to help the Body of Christ grow in unity and missionary zeal. The gift of the Spirit is communicated through the laying on of hands and anointing with sacred chrism.

Pope Francis - General Audience May 2018

As all sacramental programs are parish-based, it is normally the case that Sacraments are received in the parish where you live or the parish where you worship and are involved.

If you are interested in sacraments for children who don't attend our parish schools, we do offer a Catechetics program that is run on Tuesday's at St Louis de Montfort's Church from 4-5pm. Please refer the **Catechetics Information details**, located on the **Application Forms** page on this site.

For adults who are interested in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church, please refer **the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Information details** located on the **Application Forms** page on this site.

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