

First Eucharist 2020

Continuing Preparation for First Communion

Under these circumstances, it may not be possible to recreate the preparation process you had planned for your first communicants. It is perfectly acceptable to adjust the remainder of the preparation. If your program was interrupted by cancellation of classes or parent sessions or a retreat, you can assess the situation and determine how to provide resources or activities for parents to continue preparing their children at home or when we are able to meet with families / students in small groups.

It is NOT necessary to provide every lesson, chapter, or activity you had once planned. This is not the time to be rigid. It may be more productive to offer family-friendly ways for parents to have faith conversations and invitations to prayer. This may include a combination of video or online resources along with simple suggestions they can do together.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Send home the [“Diocesan Faith At Home”](#) each week for families to use to connect to the Sunday Liturgy.
- Recommend watching Mass together on TV or online. This is not a substitute for Mass. But when parents cannot take their children to Mass, a televised or streamed liturgy offers an opportunity for kids and parents to pray and to talk about the Mass. Offer suggestions on what parents can point out in Mass or provide a question to discuss.
- Introduce the idea of Spiritual Communion
- Involve parishioners in praying for the first communicants. They may feel a special urgency under these conditions
- If you normally tour the church, offer a printed self-tour or “scavenger hunt” of your parish church that a family can do on their own when the church is open

As you continue to plan below are many resources for preparation.

Resources

Sadlier

Access to 6 video lessons for First Eucharist in the Believe Celebrate Live series for Eucharist (3rd book from the left on the top row). Click on the link below and put in the username and pw provided. Then click on the Eucharist book.

[Religion E-books Log-in](#)

Username: SadlierStudent
Password: ReadyToLearn!
(case sensitive)

Busted Halo – Eucharist Videos

Sacrament 101 [How to receive the Eucharist](#)

Sacrament 201: [What we believe](#)

Dynamic Catholic

[BLESSED – First Communion Program](#)

Our Sunday Visitor

Handout - [Digital Resources for Sacrament Preparation in the Home](#)

[Webinar for Sacrament Preparation - OSV](#)

[Webinar Simple and Effective Home-Based Faith Formation](#)

[Catholic Brain \(Partner of OSV\)](#)

Ascension Press

[Signs of Grace Ascension Press \(New program\)](#)

RCL

<https://www.rclbenziger.com/sacraments>

Misc. Webpages

[Catholic Icing](#)

[The Religion Teacher](#)

[Brother Francis Videos](#)

DOT-Faith At Home

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catechesis

www.dioceseoftrenton.org/faith-at-home

PFLAUM

[Tips for PCLs to extend Formation while we wait](#)

[Together in Jesus – Primary Sacramental Prep](#)