

St. Mary's and the Missions Parish

Here is the schedule for the school year of 2025

**First Reconciliation & First Communion**

1st Meeting for Reconciliation Saturday, March 22 9am-10am
2nd Meeting for Reconciliation Saturday, March 29 9am-10am
<b>Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday, April 12 9am-10am</b>
1st Meeting for Communion Saturday, May 3 9am-10am
School Retreat at the Church (Day & Date to be decided by the School) 10am-2pm
<b>Mass of 1st Communion Saturday, May 10 10am-11am</b>

**Who is this sacraments for?**

In order to receive the sacrament of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion a child has to be a Baptized Catholic over the age of 7, who has not yet received these sacraments, and who is deemed by the parish priest as properly prepared for these sacraments. Permission of both parents is required for the child to receive these sacraments.

**How does the person prepare for these sacraments?**

Much of the preparation for the reception of these sacraments is received through a faithful life as a Catholic: attending Mass on a regular basis, regular family prayer, and personal study. Those who attend Catholic schools are also privileged to receive ongoing Catholic teaching which serves as preparation. We encourage everyone asking for these sacraments to already have a committed life of faith and a commitment to the Catholic Church.

The immediate preparation for these sacraments will be achieved through meetings with the priest at the parish church (as outlined in the schedule above). It is during these meetings that both children and parents will be offered greater understanding about these sacraments, their role in the lives of Catholics, and the way in which these will be celebrated.