

March 1, 2010

Please fill out and return enclosed sign-up form by March 7th !



Dear Parents of First Communion Candidates,

We will soon begin preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist. The first time a child receives Jesus in the Eucharist is an event of great joy for the whole Christian community. Our Mary, Queen of Peace community will celebrate this event on May 15th at 5pm and May 16th at the 9:00am, 11:30am, and 5:30pm Masses.

In preparation for this special day, parents will play a major role. To help you prepare your child, we **require at least one parent/guardian attend two parent sessions and the rehearsal assigned to your Mass time.** Please see the back of this page for the times of these classes. We ask that you attend all adult meetings in order to deepen your own understanding and to explore the many levels of meaning Christians celebrate in the Eucharist.

In addition to these mandatory parent sessions, it is a pre-requisite, and always assumed by the Church, that you and your child are committed to attending Mass every weekend. The many rituals in Mass may seem overwhelming and unfamiliar to a child who has not experienced them regularly. This cannot be fully taught during Faith Formation classes. As you know, the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life and because parents are the model of Christian conduct for their child it is important that your child follow your lead in your desire to attend Mass so that they will be comfortable, appreciative, and respectful of the rituals during Mass, developing their own desire to attend. In submitting registration to the sacramental preparation program, you are also committing to attend Sunday Mass each week with your child. We will be further discussing this importance in the upcoming parent sessions.

There will be 2 children's classes offered, but they are optional. They will be held at the same time as the two parent sessions. Class lists will be posted in the lower level to help facilitate finding your child's classroom.

The days prior to 1st Communion we will have rehearsals. **Make plans to attend the rehearsal that corresponds with your Mass time:**

Mass	Rehearsal
Saturday 5:00pm	⇒ 5:45pm Friday, May 14 th
Sunday 9:00am	⇒ 10:00am Saturday, May 15 th
Sunday 11:30am	⇒ 11:00am Saturday, May 15 th
Sunday 5:30pm	⇒ 6:45pm Friday, May 14 th

Materials will be given to you at the adult meeting to help you work with your child at home. Questions concerning the celebration, proper attire, professional photographer, etc....will be discussed at subsequent meetings.

Enclosed is a Mass Sign-up form **to be returned to us no later than March 7th.** Mass times will be assigned based on when this form is returned, so if you require a specific Mass, do not delay in returning the form. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 391-1178, ext. 116.

In Christ's Peace,

Mimi Arima

Mimi Arima
Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation PreK-5th Grade

Please note the schedule of dates for preparation sessions, rehearsals & Mass times on the back!

First Communion Schedule

Stick me on
your fridge
or family
calendar!

Parents must attend all sessions and Rehearsal:

(Childcare will be available for younger siblings in the Nursery)

Session 1:

Families of 4th & 5th Gr. meet Tues, 3/16

all others:

Child's Last Name A-F Tues, 3/16

Child's Last Name G-O Wed, 3/17

Child's Last Name P-Z Thurs, 3/18

6:45-8:15pm

Parents meet in John 23-C105 room

Students attending meet in south classrooms

Session 2:

Families of 4th & 5th Gr. meet Tues, 3/23

all others:

Child's Last Name A-F Tues, 3/23

Child's Last Name G-O Wed, 3/24

Child's Last Name P-Z Thurs, 3/25

6:45-8:15pm

Parents meet in John 23-C105

Students attending meet in south classrooms



Join us for an optional Singing Session with
Rita Walsh in the Chapel on May 6th from 4-5pm.



Rehearsal for:

5pm Mass is on Friday, 5/14 @ 5:45pm

9am Mass is on Saturday, 5/15 @ 10:00am

11:30am Mass is on Saturday, 5/15 @ 11:00am

5:30pm Mass is on Friday, 5/14 @ 6:45pm

All rehearsals meet in the Church

You must attend the rehearsal assigned to your Mass time.

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Communion

Saturday, May 15th at 5pm or

Sunday, May 16th at 9:00am, 11:30am or 5:30pm

in the Church.

Join us for a Reception in the Social Hall afterwards.



First Communion Class & Mass Sign-up Form 2010

Child's Name: _____ Child's Grade: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Parents' e-mail address: _____

CHOOSE ONE:

- My child will attend the 2 classes (Ch. 1-2) at MQP followed by home study (Ch. 3-7)
-OR-
- We will cover all the Lessons (Ch. 1-7) at home

MARK YOUR 1st, 2nd, & 3rd PREFERRED MASS:

****You must attend the rehearsal assigned to your Mass time****

_____ Saturday 5/15 at 5pm, & rehearsal on Friday, 5/14 at 5:45pm _____

_____ Sunday 5/16 at 9am, & rehearsal on Saturday, 5/15 at 10:00am

_____ Sunday, 5/16 at 11:30am, & rehearsal on Saturday, 5/15 at 11:00am

_____ Sunday, 5/16 at 5:30pm, & rehearsal on Friday, 5/14 at 6:45pm

Note: This does not guarantee you will be assigned that date.

We will assign based on the date/time we receive this form.

No. of people in your
immediate family (parents &
children): _____

Note: You are committing to attend the mandatory parent session(s) and the rehearsal at Mary, Queen of Peace by returning this form to the Parish Office:

1121 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, WA 98075

BELOW LINE FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Baptism Certificate _____
Date of 1st Communion _____
Performed by _____

Registry _____
PDS _____
Certificate _____
Notify place of Baptism _____

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