

**1st HOLY
COMMUNION
INFORMATION**

**Saint Anthony
Mary Claret
Catholic Church**

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'Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by *creating a home* where

- Tenderness
- Forgiveness
- Respect
- Fidelity and
- Disinterested Service

are the rule.

The home is well suited for *education in the virtues.*'

- Catechism of the Catholic Church 2223

Requirements for Reconciliation & 1ST Holy Communion

The Celebration of the Sacraments provides opportunities for reflection and renewal.

Parents are required to take an active role in the faith journey of their child.

Preparation for Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion is a two (2) year process.

Formal instruction usually begins in the 1st Grade and concludes in 2nd Grade.

Both Sacraments take place during the 2nd year.

SPONSORS are not required for these Sacraments.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS:

- Nurture the spiritual life of your children, including:
 - Attend Mass EVERY Saturday or Sunday and all Holy Days of Obligation.
 - Encourage an active family prayer life.
 - Participate in ALL the mandatory conferences:
 - Two (2) Parent Conferences the second year.
- Encourage open discussion about what your child is learning.
- Read the parent letters and emails, and review take-home materials.
- Ensure that your child is completing the homework and mastering the required prayers.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDREN:

- **Must attend Mass EVERY Saturday or Sunday and all Holy Days of Obligation.**
- **Must attend Religious Education class regularly. There are only three (3) unexcused absences allowed. Failure to attend may result in repeat of the grade or delay in receiving the Sacraments. Three (3) tardies equal one unexcused absence.**
- **Must attend ALL 3 Reconciliation Retreats.**
- **Must memorize the following prayers:**
 - **First Year:**
Sign of the Cross
Grace before meals
Hail Mary
Glory Be
Our Father
Angel of GOD
 - **Second Year:**
Act of Contrition
Seven (7) Sacraments
Ten (10) Commandments

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN-PERSON CLASS SCHEDULE

Sundays:

1st session is 8:45 to 9:45 am

2nd session is 10:45 to 11:45 am

3rd session is 1:30 to 2:30 pm

Please contact the Religious Education office for more information.

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