

## First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Requirements St. Ann Catholic Church, 2023-24

The following requirements are for children that have already been baptized, are in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or higher, and who understand the importance and meaning of the sacraments. If your child does not fall within these parameters and would like to initiate preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist, please contact Virginia Blatchford, Director of Faith Formation at 704-523-4641 ext. 231

1. Attendance and participation in the Holy Mass every Sunday (or Saturday vigil) and all other Holy Days of Obligation.
2. Two years of religious education, prior to the reception of the Sacraments, through parish based faith formation classes, Catholic school, or approved religious education program at home. If a child is receiving his/her religious education at home, he/she must interview with Fr. Reid before receiving each of the Sacraments.
3. Submission of baptismal certificate copy
4. Participation in the parents' meeting, two half-day retreats at St. Ann's, 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, First Communion rehearsal, and First Communion Mass
5. Completion of the Sacramental Preparation Workbook with a parent, due at the First Communion retreat. (Details will be given at the parent meeting.)
6. First Communion students are encouraged to participate in the Corpus Christi procession at St. Ann's and the Eucharistic Procession at the Eucharistic Congress following their First Communion.