

SACRAMENTAL PROTOCOL

The Sacramental protocol for all liturgies at Good Shepherd Church observes and fully complies with the General Instructions of the Roman Missal and rubrics, and all The Rites of the Roman Catholic Church. Orthodoxy and tradition is the Church's premise when celebrating Holy Mass and all Sacraments of the Church.

Holy Mass and all liturgies are celebrated with reverence and solemnity. As instructed from the Roman Missal we celebrate Holy Mass and liturgies offering praise and thanksgiving to God the Father through Jesus Christ our Lord with the sanctification of the Holy Spirit.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Communicants: all children will be seated together as a class in the front pews of the Church.

Church Seating: one pew per family will be reserved in alphabetical order. Upon entering into the Church, please look for your child's First Holy Communion Banner, which will be posted to a pew. At the end of Holy Mass, please take home the banner.

First Communion Banner: please return to your child's teacher. Please design your child's first name on the front of the banner (see illustrations in kit's box)). On the back of the banner clearly print your child's first and last names. Kindly use only the banners that have been issued to you.

First Communion Attire: traditional white attire is encouraged. However, appropriate attire is mandated:

Young Ladies must wear a dress and may use a white head veil.

Young Gentlemen must wear a suit and may use a First Communion Armbow.

No gloves are permitted. Flower bouquets maybe presented after Mass not during Mass. Hands need to be free of any articles.

No gloves may be worn.

Wrist Corsage and flower lapel may be worn.

Video/photography: a professional video/photographer will be available and a DVD will be distributed. One DVD per family, will be made available a few weeks after the ceremony at the academy and parish offices. Photos are permitted by family. No professional photographer hired by a parent will be permitted into the Church. Photos can be taken from side aisles only, no one will be permitted to enter into the sanctuary or cross the transept. Kindly follow the instructions of the Church Ushers. Flash photography is not permitted during Holy Mass. There will be an opportunity for children to be photographed with Parish Priests after Holy Mass.

Rite of Communion: is under both Sacred Species - The Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ. Holy Communion will be distributed to children first then to the congregation.

Church Protocol: We appreciate your cooperation as to assure solemnity throughout our liturgy in support of our children who about to receive the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ.

Your attention to please observe the following:

- Turn off all cellular phones and communication devices
- Please refrain from unnecessary talking
- Please remain in your seats
- Flash photography is not permitted during Holy Mass
- We encourage all to participate in responding and singing during Holy Mass (Program Booklets will be available)
- Kindly follow the instructions of the Church Ushers