

Hello Everyone,

We hope you're enjoying a wonderful summer! As the new school year begins, we'd like to share important information about this year's **First Holy Communion Program**.

We're excited to welcome your children as they begin this special journey of preparing to receive Jesus for the first time and grow in their understanding of His Church.

Class Schedule

- **For Catholic School Student Candidates:** Weekly classes begin at the discretion of their school.
Public/Home-Schooled Student candidates: Weekly classes on **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of the Lake (OLL) Church** (dates below).
- **One Saturday session per month for All candidates together:** Held at **Our Lady of the Lake (OLL) Church, Keswick** (dates below). If there are more than 60 candidates, Saturday classes may be split into 2 sessions: **9:00–10:30 AM & 10:45 AM–12:15 PM**. You will be informed of this during our 1st session. The **first session** is on **Saturday, October 17th, 2026, at 9:00 AM to 11AM at OLL Church**.

Important Dates

The complete schedule is listed below:

Saturday Sessions @ OLL church:

October 17; November 7; December 5; January 9; February 6; March 6; April 3

Weekly Sessions @ Catholic Schools for their students: Each school will manage and communicate this accordingly.

Wednesday Sessions @ OLL church for Public/Home School students: First session on Oct 21

Retreat & Rehearsal: Saturday, April 10, 2027; 9am to 12pm at OLL church in Keswick.

Candidates will also receive their **First Reconciliation (Confession) Sacrament** on this day.

First Holy Communion Masses: Saturday, Apr 24, 2027 (Mass times below)

10am at OLL Keswick – For St Bernadette & St Thomas School students

2pm at OLL Keswick – For Prince of Peace & Public & Home School students

Registration

Please complete and submit the attached **Registration form** by **September 25, 2026**, along with:

- A copy of your child's **Baptism certificate**
- **\$60 Fee** (covers the 2 Communion book & materials – only cheque or cash accepted)

Completed forms are only accepted when all documents are submitted together. The form will be accepted **only at the OLL church office** (129 Metro Rd N, Keswick) between the dates of Sep 12th – 25th 2026. The Office is normally open on Tues – Fri 9am – 3pm however to accommodate working parents the office will be open on Thu, Sept 17 & Tue Sept 22 till 8pm. Registration Forms will only be accepted at the OLL office before the deadline date and will not be accepted at the schools nor by clergy nor during the preparatory classes.

Only registered candidates who have submitted their form, fee and baptism certificate by Sept 25 will be admitted at the first session on October 3.

Materials

- Children will receive **2 Communion books** to take home and review with their families. Please bring it to all sessions, those at the church and at the schools. We will also include their passport booklet on which attendance for mass and sessions are recorded and will be handed out at our first session.

Attendance

- Candidates may not miss more than **2 classes and must attend the Mandatory Retreat**, or the candidate's sacramental journey may be postponed.
- Candidates will receive a passport booklet to track attendance. The candidates are expected to attend mass each week and have their passport booklet signed by either Father Dunstan, or Deacon Steve or Deacon Erik monthly.

We look forward to walking with your children on this sacred journey. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out by email - icollyouth@gmail.com

Blessings,

Ralston Fernandes & Maureen Crawford

Youth & First Communion Ministry Facilitators



First Holy Communion Registration Form

Please complete this form and return it to the Parish Office with Fee, & Baptism certificate

Deadline: 09/25/2026 Fee: \$60

Parish Information

Name of Parish: _____

City: _____

- ☐ I currently live within the territorial boundaries of the parish.
- ☐ I currently **do not** live within the territorial boundaries of the parish, but I am formally registered at the parish.

Child's Information

Full legal name of child: _____

First Name

Middle Name(s)

Last Name

☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth: _____ City of Birth: _____

Church of Baptism: _____ Date of Baptism: _____

Address of Baptismal Church: _____

Parent's Information

Mother (Full legal name & Maiden Name): _____

First Name

Middle Name(s)

Last Name

(Maiden Name)

Religion: ☐ Roman Catholic Other: _____

☐ None

Present Address: _____

Street

City

Postal Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

☐ I am a parent of, or have legal custody of the child.

Father (Full legal name): _____

First Name

Middle Name(s)

Last Name

Religion: ☐ Roman Catholic Other: _____

☐ None

Present Address ☐ Same as mother's

Street

City

Postal Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

☐ I am a parent of, or have legal custody of the child.

Declaration

I, the undersigned, declare that the information on this form is true and accurate.

Name (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____