

# Resurrection Parish

## **FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATION FACT SHEET**

**Arrival time:** Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass time. Go directly to your assigned pew with your child sitting at the end by the aisle. Children will be gathering by the Director of Children's Ministry to then process into the church with Father Tarantino during our entrance song.

**Celebration time:** The Mass will last approximately one hour. If you plan on taking personal pictures or portraits with our professional photographer, you should plan on an additional ½ hour or more of your time at the parish.

**1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Certificates:** They will be distributed on your child's celebration day.

**Communion Banner:** Bring the banner with you to the church and place it on the back of your pew. (You will make this on Jesus Day!)

**Picture taking during Mass is not permitted:** *However, families can take pictures during our opening song as the children process into the church.* Families will have an opportunity for group and individual picture taking before and at the end of the celebration. Feel free to stay after Mass for brief picture taking in the church and around the church grounds.

**Professional Portraits:** We will have a professional photographer that day to take family portraits. Reservations are recommended but not necessary. Details will follow.

**Dress Attire:**

**Boys:** blue/black suit, or sports jacket and kakis, dress shoes with dark socks and tie. No restrictions on color of shirt or tie.

**Girls:** white or ivory dress with veil or bow. Modestly covered shoulders during Mass; no flowers, gloves, Bibles, handbags, etc.

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**Special Accommodations:** Please let us know if you have handicapped considerations so we can accommodate you.

**Assigned Seating:** Seating will be randomly assigned by picking names from a hat. A reserved sign will be placed on both ends of your assigned pews for your family members. Perhaps the grandparents/Godparents will sit there also. There is no limit on the number of guests you invite to the celebration.

**Family Participation:** If you have a family member who is a Eucharistic Minister, priest or deacon, let us know. If an older sibling is an altar server let us know too. We invite them to participate in your child's celebration!

**Rehearsal Day:** We will conduct a rehearsal on Jesus Day which is April 22. It is expected all children receiving the sacrament and at least one parent attend Jesus Day.

**Sacramental Donation:** We thank you for donating your free will offering to the church in honor of your child's sacramental celebration. There will be special envelopes made up and distributed to you.

For questions, call Children's Ministry at  
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