Dear Families with Children Starting Second Grade,

It is with great joy that I join you in anticipating your child's reception of both the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time. This is the next significant step on their journey of discipleship, and I am grateful for the work of our families and our catechists in preparing our children for the Sacrament.

Formation will be offered through the Schools, Parish Faith Formation, and Religious Education ministries of St. Helen, Holy Angels, & Immaculate Conception in English and Immaculate Conception & St. Mary in Spanish. May I please encourage you to complete any appropriate registration for these formation programs by their individual deadline. Please prepare to submit a copy of your child's Catholic baptismal certificate.

It is expected that your child will receive the <u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> prior to receiving their First Communion. We will have the children from all five parishes within the Bread of Life Family of Parishes come together to celebrate their First Reconciliation. Please mark your calendars for a rehearsal on **February 25, 2026** at 6:30pm at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church and for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation itself on **March 4, 2026** at 6:30pm at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church.

First Communion and rehearsals will occur at individual locations. Please consult individual programs for information about rehearsals. First Communions will be celebrated during regularly scheduled weekend Masses as follows:

- \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Sunday May 3, 2026 at 9am at St. Helen (in English)
- Saturday May 16, 2026 at 4:30pm at Immaculate Conception (in English)
- Sunday May 17, 2026 at 9am at Immaculate Conception and 12:15pm at St. Mary (in Spanish)

Additional information about these Formation Programs is available on the respective parish websites.

In Christ,

Fr. Satish Joseph

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Pastor, Bread of Life / Pan de Vida Family of Parishes