

# 1<sup>ST</sup> EUCHARIST ENROLMENT CEREMONY

## **Greeting:**

Sign of the Cross...

Let us calm our hearts and minds as we stand in the place where we worship together as a Faith Community, and in the special Eucharistic presence of Jesus, reserved in the tabernacle.

## **Opening Prayer:**

God our Eternal Father, Creator of all that is,  
in order that we might come to know you more deeply  
you became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ, born of Mary.

In Jesus, your Word made Flesh, the Good News of your Love has been proclaimed to us.

In Jesus you stretched out your hand of compassion and mercy. Through His mission you have taught us how to love you and one another.

When we rejected your love and subjected the Lord to suffering and death, you raised him up to Glory to show your power over sin and death.

By the forgiveness of sins we are restored to Hope and can share in your Divine life in the reception of the risen Christ, through Holy Communion.

For all your gifts and blessings we praise you and give you glory, for you are God with Christ and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

**Remarks:**

Dear children and parents:

You have been invited to a very special meal. It is the meal of those who are baptized, the meal of Jesus' friends who come together in his memory to share the Word and the Bread of God.

This is the meal you are going to prepare for over the next few months.

**Priest / Catechist:**

As a sign that you are beginning to prepare for your reception of the Eucharist by attending Mass, attending the Thursday Sessions and by learning at home with your parents, I invite you to stand together and state your intentions.

**Children** - are you ready and eager to learn more about Jesus, our Catholic faith, and what it means to celebrate the Mass and receive Jesus at Communion?

**Parents** - are you willing to support your child in this process? Are you willing to accompany them to their lessons and Mass, to serve as the principal teacher of your child, and to help your child grow up Catholic by learning the prayers, customs, and traditions of our faith?

*Parents with their children come forward with their name cards  
to be placed In the Book of Enrolment  
- shake hands with Father and catechists.  
Return to seats*

**Let us pray**

Oh Holy Spirit, you have blessed our parish with the gift of these children and their parents. Help them with all your grace, to prepare themselves to enter in Communion with Jesus for the first time.

Help their parents deepen their own relationship with you and the Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Play the In Remembrance of Me song video.**