

Daily Parish Communication

May 13, 2023

Good Morning!

Knights of Columbus Yard Sale at the Jockey Lot, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Mass at 5:00 with First Holy Communion for 18 Communicants - please pray for these children as they prepare to receive this Most Holy Sacrament.

1. Today's Readings: [Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: As the children in our parish and school make their First Holy Communion today, we remember them in prayer and reflect on our own First Holy Communion. We also share with you Pope Benedict XVI's memories of his own First Communion.

3. Quote of the Day:

"God knew you before you were born. He has given you certain gifts and talents to develop as you grow in His grace. Feed His lambs with words of wisdom. Light the path for others and God will delight in you. Heavenly Father, help me to fulfill my potential. Give me the grace to overcome my selfishness." *Fr. John Catoir*

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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Pope Benedict XVI First Holy Communion

I remember my First Communion day very well. It was a lovely Sunday in March 1936. It was a sunny day, the church looked very beautiful, there was music... There were so many beautiful things that I remember. There were about 30 of us, boys and girls from my little village of no more than 500 inhabitants.

But at the heart of my joyful and beautiful memories is this one: I understood that Jesus had entered my heart, he had actually visited me. And with Jesus, God himself with me. And I realized that this is a gift of love that is truly worth more than all the other things that life can give.

So, on that day I was really filled with great joy, because Jesus came to me and I realized that a new stage in my life was beginning, I was nine years old, and that it was henceforth important to stay faithful to that encounter, to that communion. I promised the Lord as best I could: "I always want to stay with you," and I prayed to him, "but above all, stay with me." So I went on living my life like that; thanks be to God, the Lord has always taken me by the hand and guided me, even in difficult situations.

Thus, that day of my First Communion was the beginning of a journey made together. I hope that for all of you too, the First Communion you have received... will be the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Jesus, the beginning of a journey together, because in walking with Jesus we do well and life becomes good.

Source: A Year with the Eucharist by Paul Jerome Keller, OP