



Helsinki, 19.8.2025

Dear parents!

We invite your child to the sacramental education organized by St. Mary's parish. It prepares children for the reception of two Sacraments - **Confession and Eucharist** - in the spring of 2026. The course will be in English.

There will be nine meetings which are **obligatory**. If someone has a serious obstacle, please inform the teacher in advance. Otherwise, the child will be transferred to next year's teaching group. For the reception of the First Communion, your child must be **a registered member** of the parish and **has to participate in the Catholic religious education** at school.

If your child was baptized in another church than St Mary's, kindly provide us with the **Certificate of Baptism**.

Lessons take place on Saturdays at 10.30-13.30 in the parish hall (Mäntytie 2, 00270 Helsinki):

20.9.2025

25.10.2025

22.11.2025

20.12.2025

17.1.2026

21.2.2026

21.3.2026

18.4.2026

9.5.2026

There will be a rehearsal and the First Confession on Saturday, **the 16th of May 2026 at 11.00.**
The First Communion Feast will take place on Saturday, the 23rd of May 2026 at 16.00.

Children should have a proper lunch with them every time as only juice and biscuits are offered by the parish. Children should also have other shoes to wear inside, a pencil, a rubber eraser and crayons.

We ask the parents to donate **50 € for the snack, teaching materials and decoration of the church.** Please make the payment of 50 € to the bank account of our parish:

FI65 1023 3000 2047 89. You can make a donation using MobilePay, number 47373.

Children have to attend Sunday Mass. For that they will get a First Communion Pass which they must bring along with them every time.

Welcome and God Bless!

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