

Fr. Martin's Reflection – April 28, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend our 2nd Grade students made their First Holy Communion; I ask that you keep them in your prayers. Let us pray that they will truly believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. May they know Christ is our 'daily bread,' which we need to strengthen us and sustain us as we journey through life.

May 17th our 8th Graders will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us pray that they will have an open mind and heart to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit. This is a very proud moment for their parents and godparents; to see their children mature into young adults. It is also a proud moment for us as a parish because we have journeyed with them on this faith journey. This journey has brought them to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Eucharist where they learned about the love Christ has for them, a Christ who died for them so they could have life eternal.

On a sad note, we know this officially ends structured Religious Education and they, as we all, have so much more to learn. Brothers and Sisters, let us continue to pray for these young members of our Church that they will continue to learn about Christ, let us pray that they will dig deep into the message of Christ and apply it to their lives. May they open their hearts to Christ's calling and allow Him to be their guide throughout their lives.

God our Father, be near to all the children and young people growing up in the peril and confusion of these times. Guard them from all the forces of evil at work in society and lead them in the paths of goodness and truth and enable us to always give them the security of our love, and the help of our example and prayers. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Have a wonderful and blessed week.

Fr. Martin