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“To Serve and Love God’s Church and His Holy People with Compassion, Joy and Truth”

October 17, 2024

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Dear Parents:

As the pastor of this parish, I am happy to announce that it is once again time to begin a new season of sacramental preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

We welcome you and your child in Grade 2 or 3, to join us in preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. It is the norm in our diocese that both sacraments be celebrated as a pair in the same year, with reconciliation paving the way for First Holy Communion.

To begin this year’s preparation, we will host a Parent Information Gathering, which will be held on Sunday, October 27th, at 3:00 pm – 4:45 pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Church (7624 39 Ave. NW).

This first parent gathering is meant (as best as possible) for parents alone, and we encourage both parents to attend if possible, but understand if only one parent is able to. The Diocese of Calgary has launched a new format for Preparation this year, and so this first parent’s information gathering will give you an opportunity to learn about what is new in the approach and methods, as well as to participate in them.

Each Family Gathering will be held on Sunday afternoons from 3—4:15 pm, and will be 75 minutes long. There will be 6 Family Gatherings dedicated to each sacrament, along with a retreat and a celebration to receive each sacrament. Each event will be for both your child and you as parents, to participate in together. One noticeable change will be in the materials or resources used for preparation. As part of the First Family Gathering, your child will receive a Bible and a carry-bag with other materials to support them along the way.

You should find a registration form included with this letter, or you can find the form on our parish website (www.stbernardsparish.ca). Kindly email a completed copy of the registration form to the parish office (office@stbernardsparish.ca), or feel free to bring the completed registration form with you to the Information Session.



The registration fee is \$45, which covers the cost of the Bible and support materials that will be used during this year's formation. **Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, along with your registration fee, to the parish for the Parent Information Session.** Registration can be paid by cash, cheque, or by E-Transfer. As a reminder, **all preparation gatherings will take place at Our Lady of the Assumption Church (7624 39 Ave. NW).**

If you did not receive enough advance notice, don't worry- come anyway and register at the Information Session.

FIRST RECONCILIATION	DATE / TIME
Parents Information Gathering	October 27, 2024 at 3:00 pm
Family Gathering 1	November 10, 2024 - 3:00- 4:15 pm
Family Gathering 2	November 24, 2024 - 3:00- 4:15 pm
Family Gathering 3	December 1, 2024 - 3:00- 4:15 pm
Family Gathering 4	December 15, 2024 - 3:00- 4:15 pm
Family Gathering 5	January 5, 2025 - 3:00- 4:15 pm
Family Gathering 6	January 19, 2025 - 3:00- 4:15 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation RETREAT	February 2, 2025 * more detail to follow
Celebration of First Reconciliation	February 8, 2025 * more detail to follow
FIRST EUCHARIST	
Parents Information Gathering	February 23, 2025 at 3:00 pm
Family Gathering 1	March 2, 2025 - 3:00- 4:15 pm
Family Gathering 2	March 16, 2025 - 3:00- 4:15 pm
Family Gathering 3	March 30, 2025 - 3:00- 4:15 pm
Family Gathering 4	April 6, 2025 - 3:00- 4:15 pm
Family Gathering 5	April 27, 2025 - 3:00- 4:15 pm
Family Gathering 6	May 11, 2025 - 3:00- 4:15 pm
Sacrament of Eucharist RETREAT	May 25, 2025 * more detail to follow
Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist	May 31, 2025 * more detail to follow

As Pastor of our parish, I look forward to supporting your family in preparing for the sacraments, and to help experience God's grace and blessing through encounters with Jesus Christ. Also, it is a great joy and a sign of hope for the whole parish community to support your family and encourage you in our shared life of faith.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Matthew Emmelkamp

Pastor



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FIRST RECONCILIATION / FIRST EUCHARIST REGISTRATION FORM

CHILD INFORMATION

First and Middle Name: **Last Name:**

Date of Birth (day/mm/yyyy): **Place of Birth (City/Province):**

Gender: M F **Grade:** **School:**

Church of Baptism: **City/Province:** **Country:**

FAMILY INFORMATION

Address: **Postal Code:** **Main Phone:**

Candidate reside with: Both Parents Mother Father Other: **Registered Parishioner** **New**

Attending which Church? St. Bernard's - **STB** - Our Lady Of the Assumption - **OLA** **Other**

Mother:

First-Middle Name: **Maiden Name:** **Religion:** RC Other:

E-mail Address: **Mobile Number:**

Father:

First-Middle Name: **Last Name:** **Religion:** RC Other:

E-mail Address: **Mobile Number:**

~~Parents Married?~~ Yes No ~~RC Marriage~~ ~~Civil~~ ~~Common Law~~ ~~Non Catholic Church~~

Please Indicate if your Registration is for: **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** **Sacrament of First Eucharist** **Both Sacraments**

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OFFICE USE ONLY

Provided Information: Copy of Baptism Certificate

Payment for one Sacrament: \$25 – Paid **Payment for both Sacraments:** \$50 – Paid **Date Received:** dd ____ mm ____ yyyy ____