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

October 27, 2022

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Dear Parents:

As the pastor of this parish, I am happily writing to you to share that it is once again time to begin a new year of sacramental preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. We are especially grateful to God this year for continued blessings through thick and thin, and the hope that this year brings as a family of faith.

We welcome you and your child in Grade 2 or 3, to join us in preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. It has become the norm in our diocese—since 2017—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 Session, which will be held on Sunday, November 13, at 3:00 pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Church (7624 39 Ave. NW). This first session will offer information about the process and the sessions, and we will outline the material and answer questions. This Information session 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.

Each session will be held on Sunday afternoons from 3-4:30 pm (with a short break midway). There will be 4 teaching sessions for each sacrament, making 8 in total. There will also be a retreat before the celebration of each sacrament. Each event will be for both your child and you as parents, to participate in together. Full participation in this Sacramental Preparation Program is required for your child to receive the most from their preparation, to understand the significance of the sacraments, and to later celebrate each sacrament confidently and well when the time comes.

Dates for these sessions can be found in the table below to support your family's schedule planning. As a reminder, **all preparation sessions will take place at Our Lady of the Assumption Church (7624 39 Ave. NW).** There is a fee of \$25 for the materials of each sacrament, totaling \$50 for the full year's formation, and this is simply for the cost of the materials.



Your child will receive two books—one for each sacrament. 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.

Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, along with your registration fee, to the parish for the Parent Information Session. If you did not receive enough advance notice, don't worry- come anyway and register at the Information Session.

SESSION	DATE / TIME
Parent Information Session	November 13, 2022 at 3:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 1	November 20, 2022 - 3:00- 4:30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 2	December 11, 2022 - 3:00-4:30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 3	January 15, 2023 - 3:00- 4:30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 4	January 29, 2023 - 3:00-4:30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation RETREAT	February 12, 2023 * more detail to follow
Celebration of First Reconciliation	* more detail to follow
Sacrament of Eucharist Session 1	February 26, 2023 - 3:00-4:30 pm
Sacrament of Eucharist Session 2	March 12, 2023 - 3:00-4:30 pm
Sacrament of Eucharist Session 3	March 26, 2023 - 3:00-4:30 pm
Sacrament of Eucharist Session 4	April 23, 2023 - 3:00-4:30 pm
Sacrament of Eucharist RETREAT	May 7, 2023 * more detail to follow
Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist	May / June 2023 * 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. I take this opportunity to assure you of my prayers and a very warm welcome at St. Bernard's Parish.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Matthew Emmelkamp

Pastor
St. Bernard's Parish



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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:

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

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: Last Name (if different): 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 Catholic Marriage Civil Marriage Common Law Other:

2022 - 2023 Dates for First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Preparation Sessions at Our Lady of The Assumption Church (7624 – 39 Ave. NW.)

Parent Information Session: Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 1: Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 2: Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 3: Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 4: Sacrament of Reconciliation Retreat: Celebration of Sacrament of First Reconciliation	November 13, 2022 November 20, 2022 December 11, 2022 January 15, 2023 January 29, 2023 February 12, 2023 <i>*More Detail to Follow</i> February 26, 2023 March 12, 2023 March 26, 2023 April 23, 2023 May 7, 2023	3:00 pm (Sunday) 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm <i>*More Detail to Follow</i> 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm <i>*More Detail to Follow</i>
Sacrament of Eucharist Session 1: Sacrament of Eucharist Session 2: Sacrament of Eucharist Session 3: Sacrament of Eucharist Session 4: Sacrament of Eucharist Retreat: Celebration of Sacrament of First Eucharist	May/June, 2023	<i>*More Detail to Follow</i>

REGISTRATIONS OFFICIAL OPENING: Thursday, October 27, 2022

Please Note: Payment fees will be received, and Lesson Books will be distributed when you attend your first session. Payment Fees are: \$25 per Sacrament.

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 ____