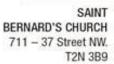
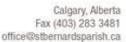


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"To Serve and Love God's Church and His Holy People with Compassion, Joy and Truth"

December 15, 2023

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 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, January 21st, 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 First Holy Communion. 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, <u>all preparation sessions will take place at Our Lady of the Assumption Church (7624 39 Ave. NW)</u>. There is a fee of \$25 for the materials of each sacrament, totaling \$50 for the full year's formation, and this 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	January 21, 2024 at 3:00 pm		
Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 1	January 28, 2024 - 3:00- 4:30 pm		
Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 2	February 11, 2024 - 3:00-4:30 pm		
Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 3	February 25, 2024 - 3:00- 4:30pm		
Sacrament of Reconciliation Session 4	March 17, 2024 - 3:00-4:30 pm		
Celebration of First Reconciliation	* more detail to follow		
Sacrament of Eucharist Session 1	April 14, 2024 - 3:00-4:30 pm		
Sacrament of Eucharist Session 2	April 28, 2024 - 3:00-4:30 pm		
Sacrament of Eucharist Session 3	May 12, 2024 - 3:00-4:30 pm		
Sacrament of Eucharist Session 4	May 26, 2024 - 3:00-4:30 pm		
Sacrament of Eucharist RETREAT	June 9, 2024 - 3:00 pm		
Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist	June 2024 * 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

St. Bernard's Parish



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FIRST RECONCILIATION / FIRST EUCHARIST REGISTRATION FORM

CHILD INFORMATION

	<u>CHILD</u>	INFURMATION	<u>\</u>			
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/P	Province:	Cou	ntry:		
	FAMILY	INFORMATIO	<u>N</u>			
Address:	I	Postal Code:	Main F	Phone:		
Candidate reside with: Both Pa	arents Mother Father	Other:	Registere	d Parishioner New		
Attending which Church? St.	Bernard's - STB - I Our Lady O	f the Assumption - O	LA 🛮 Other 🗈			
Mother:						
First-Middle Name:	Maider	n Name:	1	Religion: RC Other:		
E-mai	l Address:		Mobile Number:			
Father:						
First-Middle Name:	Last Name:		Religion:	RC Other:		
E-mai	l Address:		Mobile Number:			
Parents Married? Yes No	RC Marriage Civil Comr	non Law 🔲 Non Ca	atholic Church			
Please Indicate if your Registrati	ion is for: Sacrament of First Reco	onciliation Sacrai	nent of First Eucha	rist Both Sacraments		
2024 Dates for First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Preparation Sessions at Our Lady of The Assumption Church (7624 – 39 Ave NW.)						
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Please Note: Payment fees will be Payment Fees are: \$25 per Sacr	REGISTRATIONS OFFICIAL OPENING of received, and Lesson Books will be dament.			on.		
	OFFIC	E 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 __