



## Sacramental Preparation – 2023-2024

# First Reconciliation & First Eucharist



Our program is designed to help guide children and their parents as they continue their journey of Christian initiation in the life of Christ and his Church.

Sacramental Preparation is a collaboration of the parents, as primary teachers of their children, and the parish. The Parish offers ongoing support (including parent meetings, current faith reflections/insights, and retreats) and the parish community provides support through Sunday Liturgies.

### Registration

**Registration forms will be accepted beginning Thursday, June 22, 2023 @ 8:00 AM. Please register promptly! Only fully completed Registration forms will be accepted. Deadline August 31, 2023.**

### Reconciliation Parent Meeting

**Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023- 10:00am or 7:00pm. Reconciliation gathering** offering reflections, insights and discussion. **Books and Materials will be distributed** that are to be used at home in preparing your child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Please ensure that at least one parent attends.**

### Liturgies Sunday Dismissals

Liturgy is the starting point for this sacramental preparation. We are drawn to a deeper understanding and celebration of Eucharist through the rich liturgical symbols and rituals of the Liturgy. Therefore, families are expected to attend a weekly Sunday Liturgy.

Please note that specified Saturdays & Sundays (**Oct. 7 & 8, 2023, and Feb. 24 & 25, 2024 @ 5:00pm, 8:00am, 10:00am & 11:30am masses**), the children will be dismissed during the Liturgy of the Word to help their understanding and practice of their faith as they journey to their First Eucharist.

### Parent/Child Reconciliation Retreat

**Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023 2:00 – 5:00pm**

During the retreat, the parents and children participate in various activities in which the message of God's forgiving love is woven. The intent of the activities is to enhance the *at-home preparation* for this Sacrament. **Completed Reconciliation Books are due.**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Prayer Service)

**Friday, Nov. 3, 2023 from 7:00 – 8:30pm or Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023 from 2:00 – 3:30pm**

**Parents are also welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation!**

### First Eucharist Parent Meeting

**Tuesday, Jan 9, 2024 – 10:00am or 7:00pm.**

Offers reflections, insights and discussion to help parents with their child's preparation for Eucharist. **Books and Banner Materials will be distributed** that are to be used at home in preparing your child for his/her first Eucharist. **Please ensure that at least one parent attends.**

### Parent/Child Eucharist Retreat

**Sunday, Mar. 10, 2024 - 2:00pm – 5:00pm**

This is a time for the parent and child to explore a deeper understanding of the Holy Eucharist **Completed FE Books are due at the retreat!**

### Rehearsals

A rehearsal time will be assigned according to your child's First Eucharist Celebration day. **It is extremely important for each parent and child to attend his or her assigned rehearsal. We ask that you do NOT bring siblings. Banners will be due at your child's rehearsal date.**