



Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish.

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****IMPORTANT FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION REGISTRATION INFORMATION****

August 2022

Re: Celebration of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion / Year 2022-2023

Dear Parent(s):

You are receiving this letter because you have a child who has entered **Grade 2** in the fall of 2022, and therefore, we wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some information about the Parish based, **Sacramental Preparation Program** for the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion next year for those entering Grade 2 in 2022. This year we will be returning to IN PERSON learning for our Sacramental Programming.

Please note that this Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are to be celebrated and received in the family's home parish (i.e. the parish where the family attends Sunday Mass).

Young people learn their faith first and foremost from their parents. It is in the home that they first learn about God and are introduced to the Christian way of life. This is considered the **initial preparation** for receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Those who attend Catholic schools participate in religious education which is also part of this initial preparation, as is coming to Church to worship God, to celebrate the memorial of His Passion and Death, and thereby, thank God our Father for all His blessings, especially for the gift of His only son, Jesus.

Sacramental Preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be accomplished through a combined effort of the candidates themselves, their parents, school and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish:

Role of Parents:

This year, parents will be involved in assisting with reviewing program material and guidance to teach their children the material for both sacraments **at home** over the course of the program. It is our hope that this will be a blessed opportunity for you to spend time with your children in their faith journey, by sharing your own experiences with them to help them understand their faith better and bring them closer to God. It gives your child a chance to ask questions, understand your upbringing and why their receiving of these sacraments is so important to you. It also allows you to revisit parts of your Catholic faith that you may have forgotten, and to grow along with your child. **It is expected, of course, that you will commit to attending Mass each weekend with your family.** It is the best opportunity for children to understand the parts of the Mass, and to see you leading by example is the most important lesson and gift you can give them. Once they are registered, the students will be required to **complete a Journal after each weekend mass** for the duration of the program. **We will also be asking the parents to make a concerted effort to make sure the children know basic prayers such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, Guardian Angel prayer, as well as how to bless themselves and genuflect.**

Role of Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish – Program, Class and Confirmation Celebration Dates:

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish will be providing the **Sacramental Preparation Program**. The team established to lead this program will consist of several members of our parish community including our Youth Minister, parents, parish and student volunteers. There is a fee of \$50 per candidate for the program.

Program and Ceremony Dates

This letter is intended to give you **an outlook** to make you aware of the time commitments for both your child and your family in connection with receiving these sacraments.

Classes will be held on a bi-weekly basis, on Tuesday evenings in the parish hall. Classes will begin at the end of October and will run until May. Within these classes the students are required to participate and engage with the content of the program. The students will also be required to participate in Sunday Mass. They will also be required to complete a journal entry after each Sunday Mass (which will be explained further at a later time).



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Once registrations have closed, we will compile a full detailed schedule of the program, at which time we will be able to share the final dates chosen for the celebration of the ceremony.

Volunteers

Volunteering is a wonderful opportunity for you to share more deeply in this grace filled journey to First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion with your child. We encourage parents to consider volunteering to co-lead a group of young people for the sessions that will take place this year. Throughout the program, the students might view DVD segments related to the faith and the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, learn and practice prayers, read thru, understand and teach principal stories of our faith. The volunteers then facilitate discussions in their small group about the material that is planned for each session. Many people who have volunteered with this program in the past have returned to assist in years when they don't have any children in the program because they found it to be such a rewarding experience.

You do not need to be an expert in Catechism to become a volunteer: you will be given a copy of the Leader's Guide, as well, our program coordinators are here to help and train you. You need only to be willing to engage with the youth and to do your best. You have a wealth of experiences that will benefit the youth in your group.

Requirements

- One Training Session done online via Zoom
- Approximately a half an hour of preparation for each class to review material to be discussed
- One and a half hours on the day of each class

Conclusion

We look forward to sharing with you in this God-given mission of leading our children to the Father through His Son in the Holy Spirit.

Yours Sincerely,

Fr. Carlos Sierra
Pastor

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Schedule of PROPOSED Dates for First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion 2022/2023

<u>Event</u>	<u>Proposed Date</u>	<u>Explanation/Requirements</u>
ONLINE REGISTRATION	Sunday, September 4 th , 2022 until Sunday, October 2 nd , 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child must have been baptized in the Roman Catholic faith (attach copy of baptismal certificate) Child must be entering grade 2 Child/family must be attending Transfiguration of Our Lord Church on a regular basis Registration fee: \$50
Session #1	October 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion preparation sessions for all candidates. Attendance at all sessions is mandatory for students to be able to participate in the celebration of the sacrament Workbooks will be available once the program is set to begin. Students will be required to have a bible with them for weekly sessions.
Session #2	November 8	
Session #3	November 22	
Session #4	December 6	
Session #5	January 10	
Session #6	January 24	
Session #7	February 7	
Session #8	February 21	
Session #9	March 7	
Session #10	March 21	
Session #11	April 4	
Session #12	April 18	
Session #13	May 2	
Session #14	May 16	
RETREAT AND RECONCILIATION	Saturday May 20, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are required to attend this event once the date is picked prior to ceremony
CEREMONY	Saturday, June 3, 2023	

**** please note that all dates and events above are subject to change with the uncertainty of the current situation of COVID-19**



FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION FORM

PARISH INFORMATION

- I currently live within the territorial boundaries of the Parish
- I currently DO NOT live within the territorial boundaries of the Parish,
but I am formally registered in the Parish
- I am a registered parishioner I wish to register as a parishioner

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

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NAME OF SCHOOL

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CHILD'S FIRST NAME

CHILD'S MIDDLE NAME

CHILD'S LAST NAME

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DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YYYY)

CITY/ COUNTRY

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DATE OF BAPTISM (DD/MM/YYYY)

CHURCH OF BAPTISM

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CHURCH OF BAPTISM ADDRESS

PARENT INFORMATION

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MOTHER'S FIRST NAME

MOTHER'S MIDDLE NAME

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME

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RELIGION

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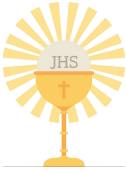
PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

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PRESENT ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, POSTAL CODE)

- I am a parent of, or have legal custody of the child



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FATHER'S FIRST NAME

FATHER'S MIDDLE NAME

FATHER'S LAST NAME

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RELIGION

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PHONE NUMBER

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DECLARATION OF INTENT and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMMITMENT

As I prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Communion, I make the following agreement:

I will participate in Sunday Mass at Transfiguration of Our Lord Church

I will pray regularly, and I will attempt to show love and respect for others

I, the undersigned, declare that the information on this form (Pages 1 & 2) is true and accurate.

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CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

****OFFICE USE ONLY****

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REGISTRATION RECEIVED BY

DATE

FEE PAID:

OTHER NOTES:

YES

NO

DEFERRED

BAPTISM CERTIFICATE RECEIVED:

YES

NO