

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Children in Grade Two:



In the new year, your child will be offered the opportunity encounter the Lord Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to receive our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. Although these sacraments are primarily celebrations of the parish community, your child is currently being prepared by his or her classroom teacher to celebrate these wonderful sacraments. I would encouraged you to become actively involved in your child's preparation as the involvement is crucial to their understanding of these sacraments.

To help you understand your responsibilities regarding your child's reception of these Sacraments, an initial **Parent Information and Registration Meeting** will be held of the following dates. Parents are required to choose ONE meeting:

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m. OR
Thursday, October 24, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m.**

These meetings will be held in Holy Rosary Church. Attendance at one of these meetings is mandatory for at least one Catholic parent. We will be outlining the preparation for these sacraments, as well as providing the dates for the celebrations and providing registration forms for these sacraments. Students are not required to attend, but are most welcome.

Please be aware that children must be baptized in the Roman Catholic Church in order to receive these sacraments.

I assure you and your family of my prayers and those of our faith community, as your child comes to know Jesus more closely in their lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev David Wilhelm, Pastor

Preparation Program
First Reconciliation and first Communion 2025



IMPORTANT DATES

PARENT FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION
PREPARATION MEETING:

Parents may choose either of the following dates and times:

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m. OR

Thursday, January 16, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

Friday, April 25, 2025- 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

DATES FOR THE CELEBRATIONS

First Reconciliation Celebration at Holy Rosary Church

Saturday, April 5, 2025 @ 10:30 a.m.

First Communion Practice

Friday, May 2, 2025 @ 10:30 a.m.

First Communion Celebration at Holy Rosary Church

Sunday, May 4, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.

FORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN IN THE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
SCHOOL SYSTEM ONLY (In addition to the meetings above):

1. Parish Classes for First Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 19 & 26, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

2. Parish Classes for First Communion

Wednesday, April 16, 23 & 30, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.