

Dear Parents,

The Church requires children to celebrate their First Reconciliation before receiving First Communion.

“The First Communion of children must always be preceded by Sacramental Confession and absolution.”

*(p. 39 Redemptions Sacramentum)*

**Both Sacraments may be celebrated in Grade 2**



From the day of your baptism, the Church prepared a place for you at the table of the Lord.

Every Sunday the baptized people gather around this table. And now you are called to come to that table, to taste and see the goodness of the Lord.



## WE SHARE IN THE EUCHARIST

### When is my child ready to share in Sacramental Communion?

Usually by the age of 7 a child can distinguish between ordinary bread and wine and the Eucharist. It is the parent's role, as primary faith educators of their children, to discern whether their child is ready at an earlier or later age to share in Sacramental Communion.



**Sharing faith with children is a real joy, and takes time and commitment. All meetings and retreat times are mandatory. Please make them top priority in your monthly calendar.**

**Regular participation in Sunday Mass with your family is a critical part of the preparation process.**

**Attend Sunday Mass weekly.**

**Mass Times at St. Thomas More**

Saturday 5pm  
Sunday 8:00, 10:00, 12:00 and 5:00

for  
**Mass Times within the Edmonton Archdiocese**  
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Preparing for

## 1<sup>ST</sup> RECONCILIATION & 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION 2019 — 2020



**Drop-In Registration for Grades 2/3/4**  
Choose one Saturday morning to drop in to the parish to register your child for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion

**Register Early— Space is Limited.**

**Time: 9 am to 11 am**

**Saturday - October 5, 2019**

**Saturday - November 2, 2019**

**Saturday - December 7, 2019**

**Saturday - January 4, 2020**

**Saturday - February 1, 2020**

Please bring a photocopy of your child's Baptism certificate and \$40 for materials provided to the drop-in registration.

**ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH**  
210 Haddow Close  
Edmonton, AB T6R 2P3  
780-434-6313

**Registration Deadline**  
**Saturday, February 1, 2020**

Information regarding your child's

**1<sup>ST</sup> Reconciliation & 1<sup>ST</sup> Holy Communion preparation**  
(Grades 2/3/4)\*

SPACE IS LIMITED REGISTER EARLY!

**Saturday Drop-in Registration Info**

- Bring a **photo-copy** of child's baptism certificate (yes, even if they were baptised at STM).
- Provide dates that you have selected for both 1<sup>ST</sup> Reconciliation (February date) and 1<sup>ST</sup> Holy Communion meetings (April date) Mass (May/June dates).
- Contribute \$40.00 for 1<sup>ST</sup> Reconciliation & 1<sup>ST</sup> Holy Communion materials which will be provided.

**1<sup>ST</sup> Reconciliation/Holy Communion Info**

- Attend the February Reconciliation **child/parent** meeting you have chosen.
- Attend the Retreat on Sat. March 7
- Celebrate 1<sup>ST</sup> Reconciliation on Wed. April 29

**1<sup>ST</sup> Holy Communion Info**

- Attend the March & April Holy Communion child/parent meeting you have chosen
- Attend the Retreat on Sat. March 7
- Attend the Rehearsal Meeting
- Celebrate your Child's 1<sup>ST</sup> Holy Communion

\*Contact parish office to register older children.

**1<sup>ST</sup> RECONCILIATION 2020**

Choose **ONE** of the following  
**Child & Parent Reconciliation Meetings**

- Mon. February 3 7 - 8:15 pm
- Tues. February 4 7 - 8:15 pm
- Thurs. February 6 7 - 8:15 pm
- Sat. February 8 10 - 11:15 am
- Sat. February 8 12 - 1:15 pm

**Children's Sacrament Retreat Date**

Sat. March 7, 2020 10am - 12pm

**1<sup>ST</sup> Reconciliation Celebration**

All children will celebrate their 1<sup>ST</sup> Reconciliation on  
**Wed. April 29, 2020 - 7:00pm**  
at St. Thomas More

**SACRAMENT RETREAT**

(Saturday, March 7, 2020)

This retreat is a way for the children to develop an understanding of the importance of these two Sacraments which come to us from Jesus. The children participate in bible stories, crafts, songs and short videos. As well, the children will experience a "Last Supper" with pita bread & grape juice representing the body & blood of Christ. Please make us aware of any food allergies. We require several volunteers to run the retreat - let us know at registration if you are able to help.

Thank you.

**1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION 2020**

Choose **ONE** of the following  
**Child & Parent Holy Communion Meetings**

- Tues. March 31 7 - 8:15 pm
- Wed. April 1 7 - 8:15 pm
- Thurs. April 2 7 - 8:15 pm
- Sat. April 4 10 - 11:15 am
- Sat. April 4 12 - 1:15 pm

**1<sup>ST</sup> Holy Communion Rehearsal**

Rehearsal is on the **Wednesday evening prior** to the 1<sup>ST</sup> Holy Communion Celebration Mass you have chosen.

Rehearsal  
7 - 8:15pm

Choose One  
**1<sup>ST</sup> Holy Communion**  
Mass Option

	Sat. May 16	5pm
	Sun. May 17	8am
Wed. May 13	Sun. May 17	10am
<u>Rehearsal</u>	Sun. May 17	12pm
	Sun. May 17	5pm
	Sat. June 6	5pm
	Sun. June 7	8am
Wed. June 3	Sun. June 7	10am
<u>Rehearsal</u>	Sun. June 7	12pm
	Sun. June 7	5pm