

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.



**Jesus said to his disciples.
“Do this in remembrance of me.”**

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.

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 8am, 10am, 12pm and 5pm

for
Mass Times within the Edmonton Archdiocese

visit
www.caedm.ca

Preparing for 1ST RECONCILIATION & 1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2020 — 2021



Drop in registration for Grades 2/3/4
Visit the parish to register your child for
1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion

Anytime during regular office hours:

**Monday - Friday.
9am - 2pm**

**Please bring a photocopy of your child’s
Baptism certificate and \$20 for materials**

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

**Please register by:
Friday, January 15, 2021**

Information
regarding your child's

**1ST Reconciliation
&
1ST Holy Communion
preparation**
(Grades 2/3/4)*

- Bring a **photocopy** of child's baptism certificate
- Complete registration form: available from your child's school, online at:
<https://stm.caedm.ca/sacraments/>
or from the St. Thomas More Parish office.
- Submit \$20 to cover the cost of Reconciliation & 1ST Holy Communion workbooks and resource materials.

Reconciliation

- Complete registration form
- Complete workbook: *My Booklet about God's Love and Forgiveness*
- Attend Reconciliation retreat TBD[†]
- Celebrate 1ST Reconciliation the week before scheduled 1ST Holy Communion

First Holy Communion

- Complete registration form
- Complete workbook: *My Booklet about the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist*
- Attend the Reconciliation retreat TBD[†]
- Celebrate your Child's 1ST Holy Communion on scheduled date/time in May

*Contact parish office to register older children.

† Reconciliation retreat TBD at a later date as Archdiocese gathering limits permit

1ST RECONCILIATION 2021

Children's Reconciliation Workbooks

Workbooks will be distributed through the Catholic schools connected to the Parish the first week of February 2021.

Video lesson plans/sessions (YouTube videos) from St. Thomas More Parish to help parents work through the workbooks with their children will be found online at the STM website:

<https://stm.caedm.ca/sacraments/>

(starting in February 2021)

Children's Spiritual Retreat Date

Reconciliation retreat is scheduled for:

Saturday, May 22 at 9:30am

12pm Confession

(if conditions for gathering allow)

1ST Reconciliation Celebration

All children will celebrate their 1ST Reconciliation the week before their scheduled First Holy Communion Mass

**SACRAMENT RETREAT
(TBD)**

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. It will be a day of spiritual preparation and reflection.

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(starting in March 2021)

1ST Holy Communion Celebration

First Holy Communion will be celebrated by our school children at the end of May, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (May 30, 2021) and on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (June 6, 2021) on the following Mass dates and times:

Sat. May 29	5pm
Sun. May 30	8am
Sun. May 30	10am
Sun. May 30	12pm
Sun. May 30	5pm
Sat. June 5	5pm
Sun. June 6	8am
Sun. June 6	10am
Sun. June 6	12pm
Sun. June 6	5pm

(if conditions for gathering allow)