

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 Sacramentium)

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."



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

Anytime during regular office hours:

Monday - Friday. 9am - 2pm

Please bring:

- completed, signed registration form
- child's Baptism certificate (copy)
- \$20 for resource materials

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Please register by: Friday, January 14, 2022

Preparation for The Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion





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 <u>earlier</u> or <u>later</u> 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 <u>www.caedm.ca</u>

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2022

Children's Reconciliation Workbooks

Workbooks can be picked up from the office upon submitting completed registration. Video lesson plans/sessions (YouTube videos) from St. Thomas More Parish to help parents work through the workbooks with their children are found online at the STM website: <u>https://stm.caedm.ca/sacraments/</u>

FIRST RECONCILIATION

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

Reconciliation (Confession)

Reconciliation is scheduled for: Saturday, June 4 from 10 am to 12pm



Act of Contrition

O my God, I am sorry for all my sins because they displease you. You, who are all good and deserving of all my love. With your help I will sin no more.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

All children will celebrate their First Holy Communion by school groupings, on two Sundays in June,, on the

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

(Sunday, June 12, 2022) 2:00 pm First Communion Eucharist

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

(Sunday, June 19, 2022) 2:00 pm First Communion Eucharist

Children will be grouped according to their school cohorts. First Communion is a special celebration. Girls typically wear white dresses and boys wear a white shirt and dress pants.

We always come to church in our Sunday best!