
**REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS
AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION INFO**

REQUIREMENT: must be baptized Catholic.

HOW TO REGISTER:

If you would like your child to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation (First Confession) and First Communion in the parish this year, please fill in the registration form on our website or scan the QR code prior to **November 3, 2024**.

www.staugustineparish.ca/first-communion-confirmation



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

As parents, your participation in the First Reconciliation/First Communion program and your child's ongoing faith formation is vital. Your prayer life and attitude towards Jesus Christ and His Church is the best example your child can have.

In order to allow for greater flexibility, time management and conflicting commitments, parents are being asked to help prepare their children by using following two books, starting with *We Prepare for Reconciliation*, followed by *We Share in the Eucharist*. The books are available at the preparation meeting on Oct. 17th, or after that, at the parish office, during office hours – 9am to 3pm, Monday to Wednesday or after all weekend Masses in the Sacristy. The cost for the books is \$25.00. This program can be done at home at your convenience. It gives parents the tools they need to prepare and engage their child in a meaningful conversation about Catholicism and the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. This is a wonderful opportunity to join your child on this life-changing journey and to nurture your own spiritual journey as well.

IMPORTANT DATES

First Eucharist Preparation/Registration Meeting:

- **Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024** in the parish hall – **6:30 p.m.**
- **Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate with you**
- **Registration will be available at the meeting**
- **Sacramental Preparation sessions on the following Sundays at 10:30 A.M. Mass:**
 - o **Nov. 17 (no Dec. session), Jan. 19, Feb. 9, Mar. 23, Apr. 6**

Enrollment Ceremony – The Rite of Welcome and Encouragement:

- **During all Masses on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.**
or on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025, at either the 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Mass

Parents are asked to choose **one** of these dates for their child's Enrollment Ceremony.

First Reconciliation (First Confession)

- **Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Church, or**
- **Any other Saturday at 3:00 p.m. during Lent**

Prior to receiving the sacrament of First Communion, your child will make his/her first confession, or the Sacrament of Penance. At confession, the child will detail sins and misdeeds to a priest and receive a penance in exchange. The penance is usually several prayers to be recited immediately upon exiting the confessional. Once the child is absolved of sin, the child is ready to make their First Communion.

First Communion

First Communion is considered one of the holiest and most important occasions in a Roman Catholic's life. It means that person will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

- **Easter Season starting April 27, 2025 during any Mass**

Note: You are encouraged to sign up for the Mass where your child will receive their First Holy Communion