

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 8:30, 10:00, 12:00 and 6pm

for
Mass Times within the Edmonton Archdiocese
visit
www.caedm.ca

Preparing for

1ST RECONCILIATION & 1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2016 — 2017



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 1, 2016

Saturday - November 5, 2016

Saturday - December 3 2016

Saturday - January 7, 2017

Saturday - February 4, 2017

Please bring a photocopy of your child's Baptism certificate and \$20 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 4, 2017

Information regarding your child's

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

SPACE IS LIMITED REGISTER EARLY!

Saturday Drop-in Registration Info

- Bring a photocopy of child's baptism certificate (yes, even if they were baptised at STM).
- Provide dates that you have selected for your 1ST Reconciliation meeting in Feb and 1ST Holy Communion meeting in April and Rehearsal & 1st HC Mass in May or June.
- Contribute \$20.00 for 1ST Reconciliation & 1ST Holy Communion materials which will be provided.

1ST Reconciliation Info

- Attend the February Reconciliation child/parent meeting you have chosen.
- Attend the Retreat on Sat. March 11
- Celebrate 1ST Reconciliation on Wed. April 26

1ST Holy Communion Info

- Attend the April Holy Communion child/parent meeting you have chosen
- Attend the Retreat on Sat. March 11
- Attend the Rehearsal Meeting
(bring one small photo of child for this rehearsal)
- Celebrate your Child's 1ST Holy Communion

*Contact parish office to register older children.

1ST RECONCILIATION 2017

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

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

Children's Sacrament Retreat Date

Sat. March 11 10am - 1pm

1ST Reconciliation Celebration

All children will celebrate their 1ST Reconciliation on

Wed. April 26, 7:00pm
at St. Thomas More

ACT OF CONTRITION

I am sorry prayer.

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ have mercy on me.

This Act of Contrition prayer must be memorized for

1ST Reconciliation Celebration on April 26, 2017.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2017

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

Mon. April 3 7 - 8:15 pm
Tues. April 4 7 - 8:15 pm
Wed. April 5 7 - 8:15 pm
Sat. April 8 10 - 11:15 am
Sat. April 8 12 - 1:15 pm

1ST Holy Communion Rehearsal

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

Rehearsal
7 - 8:15pm

Choose One

1ST Holy Communion
Mass Option

Wed. May 17 <u>Rehearsal</u>	Sat. May 20 5pm Sun. May 21 10am Sun. May 21 12noon
Wed. May 24 <u>Rehearsal</u>	Sat. May 27 5pm Sun. May 28 10am Sun. May 28 12noon
Wed. May 31 <u>Rehearsal</u>	Sat. June 3 5pm Sun. June 4 10am Sun. June 4 12noon
Wed. June 7 <u>Rehearsal</u>	Sat. June 10 5pm Sun. June 11 10am Sun. June 11 12noon

Please bring a small (approx. 1x2") photo of your child to Rehearsal.