

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.”

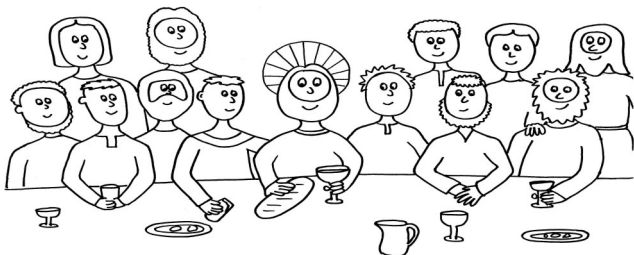
*(p. 39 Redemptions Sacramentum)*

**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](http://www.caedm.ca)

Preparing for

## 1<sup>ST</sup> RECONCILIATION & 1<sup>ST</sup> 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

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

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

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

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

\*Contact parish office to register older children.

**1<sup>ST</sup> 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

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

All children will celebrate their 1<sup>ST</sup> 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*

*1<sup>ST</sup> Reconciliation Celebration on April 26, 2017.*

**1<sup>ST</sup> 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

**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

Wed. May 17  
Rehearsal

Sat. May 20 5pm  
Sun. May 21 10am  
Sun. May 21 12noon

Wed. May 24  
Rehearsal

Sat. May 27 5pm  
Sun. May 28 10am  
Sun. May 28 12noon

Wed. May 31  
Rehearsal

Sat. June 3 5pm  
Sun. June 4 10am  
Sun. June 4 12noon

Wed. June 7  
Rehearsal

Sat. June 10 5pm  
Sun. June 11 10am  
Sun. June 11 12noon

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