

Dear Parent/Caregiver of Child in Grade 2 or above,

This is a final call to register your child into our preparation process for First Holy Communion (Eucharist) and First Reconciliation (Confession). The preparation process is for children who have been baptized into the Catholic Church. In these great sacraments your child will receive special graces for their faith to grow and bear fruit. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation your child will receive God's mercy and forgiveness and in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist your child will receive spiritual nourishment for their faith journey.

Please come to any of the following nights to register and for session 3: **November 28 or 29 or 30 from 6:30-8:00pm in the church basement.** You may select any of the three nights. We ask that you bring your child (in grade 2 or above), a copy of your child's baptism certificate (unless your child was baptized at St. Albert Parish) and a \$50 registration fee. If this fee is prohibitive, we are happy to subsidize that for your family. More information will be provided at those nights. Please see the other side of this letter for the important dates.

If your child is not baptized, or was baptized in another Christian denomination (e.g. Anglican, Lutheran, United Church etc.) and you would like for them to receive the sacraments, or for any other inquiries please don't hesitate to contact me. We look forward to helping your child prepare for the celebration of the sacraments this year.

Sincerely,

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# 2017-2018 Preparations for First Eucharist (First Holy Communion) & First Reconciliation (Confession)



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First Eucharist is usually celebrated with children age seven or grade two in the Archdiocese of Edmonton. First Reconciliation is normally celebrated before First Eucharist. **Each child and at least one parent/caregiver must attend all 5 sessions:** one in September, one in October, one in November, one in January, and one in March. Sessions are repeated on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, so families can choose the evening that works best for them. Please arrive 10 minutes early so we can begin on time.

If your child is not baptized, or was baptized in another Christian denomination (e.g. Anglican, Lutheran etc.) or for any other inquiries please contact **mark.guevarra@caedm.ca or 780-459-6691** 

#### **Registration & Session 1**

For parents and children in church basement 6:30pm-8pm \* Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate & \$50 registration fee payable by cash or cheque to "St. Albert Parish" September 19, 20 and 21 (select one date)

#### Session 2

For parents and children in church basement 6:30pm-8pm October 17, 18 and 19 (select one date)

#### **Presentation Weekend**

Children are presented at all weekend Masses and receive a gift. Saturday, October 21 at 5pm, Sunday, October 22 at 9am, 11am and 6:30pm (select one Mass)

## Session 3

For parents and children in church basement 6:30pm-8pm November 28, 29 and 30 (select one date)

## **Celebration of First Reconciliation**

For ALL children at St. Albert Parish church Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30pm Reception to follow

#### Session 4

For parents and children in church basement 6:30pm-8pm January 30, 31 and February 1 (select one date)

# Session 5

For parents and children in church basement 6:30pm-8pm March 6, 7 and 8 (select one date)

# **Celebration of First Holy Communion**

Celebrations of First Communion take place after Easter. Dates will be presented by November. Parents are invited to sign up in March.

