



SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

September 5, 2023

Dear Parents:

My name is Fr. Mariusz Sztuk, SDS and I am delighted to be working with YOU to co-ordinate the preparation for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion, this year. The beginning of the school year also marks the beginning of sacramental preparation. I would like to invite the children to celebrate both sacraments in their Grade Two or Three. The home and parish carry the primary responsibility for this preparation. Enrolment celebration, parent orientation meetings, and sacramental celebrations will originate from the parish. Your involvement and your participation in the parish are crucial to your child's faith development and ultimate commitment to the Catholic faith.

The school instruction regarding the meaning of the sacraments is an essential part of the program. It supports and enhances the learning and the experiences the children encounter at home and in the parish.

The readiness of your child to receive this sacrament will be decided by you in consultation with the pastor.

Your home preparation can begin now. While you await further communication from the parish we encourage you to bring the following points to your child's awareness.

- The fact that she/he may be celebrating a sacrament.
- The name of the sacraments she/he may be preparing to celebrate.

It is also important that as family you consciously begin your child's preparation for the sacrament by intensifying:

- Your regular participation in Sunday Mass.
- Your daily morning and evening prayer.
- Your daily efforts to imitate the life of Jesus.

We, as a parish, will help you in this preparation with 6 classes:

23	September	2023	6:00-7:00 PM	St. Francis De Sales Church	Orientation Meeting	Parents Only
14	October	2023	6:00-7:00 PM	St. Francis De Sales Church	Session #1	Childrens & Parents
29	October	2023	11:00 AM	St. Francis De Sales Church	Enrollment	Children & Parents
04	November	2023	6:00-7:00 PM	St. Francis De Sales Church	Session #2	Childrens Only
25	November	2023	6:00-7:00 PM	St. Francis De Sales Church	Session #3	Childrens Only
16	December	2023	6:00-7:00 PM	St. Francis De Sales Church	Session #4	Childrens Only
27	January	2024	6:00-7:00 PM	St. Francis De Sales Parish	Session #1	Childrens & Parent
24	February	2024	6:00-7:00 PM	St. Francis De Sales Parish	Session #2	Childrens & Parent
20	April	2024	6:00-7:00 PM	St. Francis De Sales Parish	Session #3	Childrens & Parent
30	April	2024	7:00-8:00 PM	St. Francis De Sales Parish	First Confession	Childrens & Parent
04	May	2024	6:00-7:00 PM	St. Francis De Sales Parish	Session #4	Childrens & Parent
11	May	2024	10:00-12:00 AM	St. Francis De Sales Parish	Retreat	Children's Only
01	June	2024	9:45-10:45 AM	St. Francis De Sales Parish	Rehearsal	Childrens & Parent
02	June	2024	3:00 PM	St. Francis De Sales Parish	I Holy Communion	

If you have any questions, please call church office: 403.652.2203 or francisdesales@shaw.ca

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