



Saint John XXIII Roman Catholic Church

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Preparation for First Reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist

INTRODUCTORY MEETING
WITH PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND CHILDREN

10:30 am Sunday, January 14, 2024

downstairs in Saint John XXIII Parish Hall
3390 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg



**PLEASE CONTACT OUR PASTORAL ASSISTANT, SHARON CAMIER,
TO REGISTER:**

Call Sharon at 204-832-7206 or email sharon@johnxxiii.ca

This is an important meeting during which the program of proximate preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will be explained.

Some handouts will be distributed.

So long as the children are properly prepared and circumstances permit, we are planning that the Celebration of First Reconciliation will be held on Friday, March 8, 2024 and our First Communion Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2024.

From the Church's Code of Canon Law:

"It is primarily the duty of parents and of those who take their place, as it is the duty of the parish priest, to ensure that children who have reached the use of reason are properly prepared and, having made their sacramental confession, are nourished by this divine food as soon as possible. It is also the duty of the parish priest to see that children who have not reached the use of reason, or whom he has judged to be insufficiently disposed, do not come to holy communion." (Canon 914)

Children who have "reached the use of reason" is generally understood to be about 7 years old and older. So these parish sacramental preparation sessions being held in Saint John XXIII Parish are meant for children who are already baptized and who are currently in Grade 2 or a higher grade in school. If you require further information and/or clarification, do not hesitate to contact Sharon Camier.