

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

ASSUMPTION AND RESURRECTION PARISHES

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

2023-2024

Dear Parents and Guardians:

If your child is 7 years of age (or older), has been Baptized, and you wish them to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation, please contact Maura at the parish office (780-468-4071) or email Maura.Usher@caedm.ca

Parents are the first and most important model of the faith for their child. Therefore, your active participation in the sacramental preparation program is critical. We ask that **at least ONE parent** attend each session with their child.

It is never too late to have your children participate in Sacramental Preparation. If your child is older (in upper elementary, junior high or senior high school), please contact Maura and the team will connect with you.

Orientation and Registration Meeting

DATE: Monday, December 4, 2023

TIME: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

PLACE: Assumption Church (9034-95 Avenue) in the basement hall

** at least ONE parent and the child are asked to attend**

Please enter by the rear entrance of the church (north side)

At this **Orientation and Registration Meeting** time will be provided:

- To hand-in all completed registration forms (please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate),
- To pay a fee of **\$40.00 per child**, this fee is to help defray the costs associated with the entire program. This would include the resources, supplementary materials, snacks ...
- To introduce the team of catechists (teachers),
- To hand out and introduce the resource books for the program: "*On Our Way with Jesus*" and review the dates, times and location of all sessions,
- To conclude with a Family Advent Celebration!

PLEASE SEE OPPOSITE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT DATES ...

First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation Sacramental Preparation Program 2023-2024

1. All sessions, for both parishes, will take place at **Assumption Church** (9034-95 Avenue).
2. The Orientation and Registration Meeting takes place on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:30 pm, all other sessions in 2024 occur on ONE Saturday per month from **10:30 am to noon** at **Assumption Church**.
3. We ask everyone to please come early for all the sessions. Please be at the church by 10:15 am for snacks, coffee and juice. This assists us with taking attendance, handing out name tags and ensuring any last-minute paperwork can be done.
4. Please enter by the rear entrances of church (on north-east side of building) and we begin all sessions downstairs in the church hall.
5. At least ONE parent and the child are asked to attend each session.
6. We ask that everyone bring indoor shoes for each session. Since most of the program occurs during the winter months, our boots can get pretty messy. By changing into indoor shoes, this helps to keep our church clean and supports our custodial staff.

PROGRAM CALENDAR 2023-2024

ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION MEETING: Monday, December 4 at 6:30-7:30 pm (at Assumption Hall - in the basement) ... please bring completed registration forms, a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate and \$40.00 fee.

SESSION ONE: Saturday, January 27 from 10:30 am to noon (at Assumption)

SESSION TWO: Saturday, February 24 from 10:30 am to noon (at Assumption)

SESSION THREE: Saturday, March 16 from 10:30 am to noon (at Assumption)

SESSION FOUR: Saturday, April 20 from 10:30 am to noon (at Assumption)

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION: Saturday, April 27 at 10:30 am (at Assumption Church)

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES:

For **Assumption Parish:** Sunday, April 28 (at 9:30 am Mass)

For **Resurrection Parish:** Sunday, April 28 (at 11:00 am Mass)