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Dear Grade Two Parents:

St. Leonard Parish - First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2022

- We invite your child to **prepare for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion at St. Leonard Parish**. This is a major step in your child's faith journey. It is important to remember that should you decide to accept our invitation, you are choosing to make a commitment to your child and the Church. The church tells us that parents are the most important influence on a child's spiritual development. This development is the parents' right, dignity, and responsibility. Quite simply, there is no one better suited for this task than you!
- Due to Covid 19 restrictions, there will not be any in person sessions for this year's program. A portion of the preparation will be done by accessing worksheets via email. Each week your child will receive a new worksheet. The first set of worksheets will pertain to First Reconciliation. The second set of worksheets will pertain to First Communion. The worksheets must be completed by your child and returned by email to our sacramental team at [firstholychommunion.slp@gmail.com](mailto:firstholychommunion.slp@gmail.com)
- Your child will also receive two books: one for First Reconciliation and one for First Communion. The books are filled with beautiful pictures, stories and activities for the children to enjoy on their faith journey. Parents must commit to work through these books with their child and the books must be handed in at the end of each program. The worksheets and the books must be completed before you are able to book a date for your child's First Reconciliation and First Communion.

**IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOUR CHILD ATTEND MASS  
EITHER IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY**

**YOU DO NEED TO REGISTER TO ATTEND MASS IN PERSON.**

**Just click on this image on the home page of our website:**



[www.stleonardsparish.ca](http://www.stleonardsparish.ca)

You may also attend Mass virtually with your child if you are not able to attend in person.. Follow this link to our livestream:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintLeonardParish/videos>

- You must register for First Reconciliation and First Communion online at <https://stleonardsparish.ca/eucharist/>

**YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISMAL  
CERTIFICATE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION**

The registration fee is \$40.00 and may be paid by cash, cheque (payable to St. Leonard Parish) or e-transfer. You will be contacted and invited to pick up the First Reconciliation book once you have registered.

Here is our e-transfer process:

1. Login into your personal online banking
2. Locate the *Interac* e-transfer payment method
3. Add St Leonard as a new recipient using the email address *office@stleonardsparish.ca*
4. The security question is: Name of sacrament?  
Answer: First Communion (It is case sensitive. F & C are in capitals).
5. Follow your bank's prompts to proceed and complete the transaction

The deadline to register is Nov. 22, 2021. If you miss the Registration deadline, please be assured that there is no requirement that your child complete the sacraments by a specific age. You are invited to connect with the parish community as part of your child's on-going preparation and to register to celebrate the Sacrament the following year.

Every year we encounter a number of children who, for one reason or another, have not been baptized. The Sacrament of Baptism is the doorway to the Sacraments of the Church. As a result, every year we have a number of parents seeking to have their children baptized so they can celebrate the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion while in grade two. Similarly, children baptized in one of the Christian denominations, must first be received into the Catholic Church (by making a profession of faith) before celebrating First Reconciliation and First Communion. In both cases, at least one of the parents must be baptized Roman Catholic.

Therefore, if your child has not been baptized or was baptized outside the Catholic Church, and you are intending to raise your child in the practice of the Catholic Faith, we invite you to contact the parish as soon as possible to make arrangements to have your child either baptized or to make a profession of faith.

If you have any questions, please email or call our parish office.

We look forward to supporting your children on their faith journey.

Rev. Gerard Plant, Pastor  
and St. Leonard Parish Sacramental Team