



"The spirit of the Lord is
upon me because he has
anointed me to bring good
news to the poor."
(Luke 4:18-19)

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Dear Parents:

We would like to inform you that we are now preparing for the in-person Sacramental Preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Children currently in Grade 1 are potential candidates for the reception of these Sacraments. If your child is baptized, we can assist you and your family in preparing him/her to receive the gifts of these Sacraments joyfully in the next school year.

As you may know, the Catholic Schools provide Religious and Family Life Education for all students. The immediate preparation for the sacraments takes place at the parish. His Excellency, Most Reverend William T. McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary, has led the development and implementation of a Sacrament Preparation Program that is consistent in all of our parishes.

There is a fee of \$25 for each Sacrament Preparation Program totalling \$50 to help to offset the cost of the materials. Your child will receive two books, ***Celebrate and Remember Reconciliation and Celebrate and Remember Eucharist***. Please complete the registration form and return it to the parish along with a copy of your child's birth certificate, baptism certificate and payment for the books which we will give to you at this time.

If your child isn't baptized as yet, we invite you to contact us at your earliest convenience.

We are looking forward to supporting your child in prayer as [he/she] prepares to receive the sacraments and celebrate this time of God's grace. I take this opportunity to assure you of my prayers and a very warm welcome to St. Luke's parish.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Fernando Genogaling

Pastor

The Sacrament preparation process at the parish consists of the following:

- **Parent Information Session to further** explain the Sacrament Preparation Program and how you can continue to support your child's faith development. (The date for this session will be given to you in September.)
- Four (4) sessions and a retreat to prepare for First Reconciliation
- Four (4) sessions and a retreat to prepare for First Eucharist.
- There will be sessions for children, along with concurrent sessions for parents at the same time. The sessions run for 90 minutes.