

St. Peter's Parish – PARENTS' MEETING FOR SACRAMENTS

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

(Prince of Peace School Gym)

Welcome to the Parents' Information and Registration night for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation of your child.

Opening Prayer:

These sacraments are important steps in your child's spiritual journey that began at his or her baptism. This is a time to learn about the traditions, values and teachings of the Catholic Church, and a time of reflection about our relationship with God. We can all experience spiritual growth as we help prepare our children for their sacraments if we are willing to learn more, reflect and take steps closer to God. We hope as you prepare your child at home to be part of this community in Christ and watch your child develop a relationship with God, your lives will be enriched.

The following are brief explanations to help you understand in the coming months ahead.

Preparation for the Sacraments: It is the responsibility of the church, the school and, most importantly, the parents to prepare the children for their sacraments. The Church, teachers and Sisters (Queenship of Mary), do a wonderful job of preparing our children at Church and school, but it is very important that the parents / families continue to teach about God and the church, model good Christian lifestyles and behaviors, pray and learn together at home. Attending Mass regularly every Sunday, participating in church community events, praying together and using available resources to learn together are a few suggestions. **Sacramental preparation retreat classes for all the Sacraments will be led by the Queenship of Mary Sisters, on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. here at the church.**

Enrollment Mass:

Enrollment Mass for all students and adults receiving the Sacraments will be held this coming Sunday, April 28, 2024 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church. Everyone will be welcomed into the church and introduced to the church community as a candidate for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

----- THINGS TO BRING: Recently issued Baptism Certificate

Enrollment Form: "Registration Form" --- given out at the Parents' Meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Practice: This will be held on the following dates and times listed: **Friday, May 10, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church. This sacrament is for the children and adults who will be receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation this year. It is a family event. The family will introduce their child to the**

priest who represents the community. Everyone will have the opportunity to make a confession. Father Jonathan will be assisted by another priest to hear your child's first / adult confession. Parents are also encouraged and invited to go to confession too.

Friday, May 31, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion this year. It is a family event. The family will introduce their child to the priest who represents the community. Your child will have the opportunity to make a confession. Father Jonathan will be assisted by another priest to hear your child's first confession. Parents are also encouraged and invited to go to confession too. This is to set a good example to our child receiving his or her First Confession.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: This will be held Sunday, June 2, on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi – The most Holy body and Blood of Christ at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Father Jonathan Madueke, presider

Sacrament of Confirmation: This will be held on Tuesday, May 14, on the Feast of St. Matthias at 7:00 p.m. with the Most Reverend Yvan Mathieu, Our new Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General, Ottawa – Cornwall Diocese.

Confirmation for Adults Catholic: This will be held on Sunday, May 19, on the Solemnity of Pentecost, 2:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral with his grace Marcel Damphousse, Archbishop of Ottawa – Cornwall Diocese.

1. We will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion during a regular Sunday Mass and Confirmation on selected dates set by the archbishop office.
2. **Confirmation Sponsor:** Your child / Adult requires a sponsor for Confirmation. A Sponsor for Confirmation must have been confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church. Parents cannot be sponsors. A Candidate may have more than one sponsor, but we suggest only one sponsor per candidate during the Confirmation. Sponsor information is to be submitted before the Enrollment Sunday Mass or at a later date set by the Parish Pastor.
3. **Ceremony:** On the day of The First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, you are asked to arrive early to get seats. There will be reserved seating for the child, sponsor and parents only. Please arrive 30 minutes early before the Mass starts and gather outside the gym area in the hallway. Parents must be seated at the reserved seats in church before Mass. Please remind your other family members and guests to have a seat at the gym area of the church.

Picture taking is discouraged during the Mass in the church. However, if one decides to record using a video cam, no one must bring a bright light or anything that can distract the presider and the people at church. NO ONE IS ALLOWED WITH A CAMERA OR VIDEO TO WALK AROUND THE CHURCH DURING THE MASS. This is to make this occasion a more solemn or prayerful event. Photos can be taken after the Mass.

Questions from the floor (Parents)

Closing prayer: