

# SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great joy that I am writing to you today about the Sacraments of Reconciliation (First Confession) and Eucharist (First Holy Communion), which will both be offered to your son/daughter in Grade 2 this year. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in January 2019, and the Sacrament of the Eucharist in May 2019.

**First Confession** and **First Communion** will have a **joint Meeting** previous registration here at St. Anthony of Padua Church on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 6:30 pm. Attendance at this meeting is pivotal as parents will learn the procedure for registration and requirements of the program.

The preparation of students for these Sacraments is a partnership between the Church, home, and school. While the parish and school will support you in the instruction of the sacraments, your participation at home in working through the catechetical material with your child is an essential element of their preparation. Parents should also pray with their children every day, and attend Mass weekly. The Sunday (or Saturday evening) celebration of the Eucharist and regular confession are essential for Catholic Christians, especially those preparing their children for these sacraments! Your actions and attitudes in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament will form your child's understanding of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and His loving mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation more powerfully than any words or attempts at an explanation!

**The First Confession Classes -Mandatory** will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Church as follows:

Parents will go to Mass with their children on Saturday, Nov. 10 and Nov. 24, 2018, at 9:00 am Mass. Right after the Mass, parents and children will attend the Catechism Class from 9:45 am to 11:00 am.

**The First Confession Dates** will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Church as follows:

St. Anthony, St.Marguerite Bourgeoys and Parish Program on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

St. Jean Brebeuf and Lester B. Pearson on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

**The First Holy Communion Classes -Mandatory** will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Church as follows:

Parents will go to mass with their children on Saturday, January 26, February 23, and March 16 at 9:00 am Mass. Right after the Mass, parents and children will attend the Catechism class from 9:45 am to 11:00 am.

**The First Holy Communion Ceremonies** will take place at St. Anthony of Padua Church on the following dates:

St. Anthony School	Sunday, May 05, 2019, at 12:30 p.m.
Parish Program	Sunday, May 12, 2019, at 12:30 p.m.
Lester B. Pearson School	Sunday, May 19, 2019, at 12:30 p.m.
St. Marguerite Bourgeoys	Sunday, May 26, 2019, at 12:30 p.m.
St. Jean Brebeuf	Sunday, May 26, 2019, at 12:30 p.m.

As parents, teachers, and priests, our task is to work together in helping these little ones appreciate and celebrate God's loving mercy through the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and communion in Christ Jesus through the Sacrament of the Eucharist. It is a joyous task. Let us work together!

Yours in Christ,

  
Rev. Joseph Pham