

Holy Cross-Parish



Guide to the Restored Order of the Sacraments. (Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist)

2023-2024

This packet contains important information, please review it carefully.

Please keep this packet in a safe place at home.

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306-347-0929 or pastoral.assistant@holycrossregina.ca
Parish website: www.holycrossregina.ca**

Restored Order of the Sacraments

Preparation Timeline

Registration forms are found at the parish (St. Mary's and Holy Cross) or on line at www.holycrossregina.ca. Please submit these no later than ***Friday, Sept. 15***

Parent Only Info Meeting: **Either**

Wednesday, September 20th @ 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **OR**

Sunday, September 24th - 10:40a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Gerein Centre – Please use South Parking Lot I Entrance

PLEASE SEND a SELFIE PHOTO OF YOUR CHILD

Take a head-and-Shoulders with your phone and send to Martin at

pastoral.assistant@holycrossregina.ca Include child's full legal name. Please send one for each child if you have more than one participating.

Rite of Enrollment – Commitment Weekend:

Sunday, October 8 – 9:00 a.m. Holy Cross-Parish

This Sunday is for all families whose children are taking any or all of the sacraments.

During Mass, the children and parents will be called to stand to make their commitment to the process. The children and their parents will sign the Enrollment Register after Mass. This begins the preparation time. They will also receive their workbooks.

Reconciliation Classes

Parent & Child Sessions

#1 - Sunday, October 22

#2 - Sunday, October 19

After Mass at Holy Cross (10:30am – 12:00noon)

The Lower Gerein Centre – Please use the south parking lot entrance to basement.

1st Reconciliation Retreat:

Sunday, November 26 – 10:40 a.m. to 12:00 noon

In the Lower Gerein Centre.

This is for intended for the children only. However, parents who can make it are more than welcome to attend.

1st Reconciliation Celebration:

December ? – Lenten Reconciliation with the entire parish.

The children are encouraged to go to Fr. Carlos for their first time.

This celebration is an opportunity for the whole family to celebrate the sacrament. The date will be determined in October.

Confirmation and First Eucharist

Parent Only Session:

Wednesday, January 17 – 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

OR

Sunday, January 21 - 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

These sessions are for parents to review their understanding of Confirmation and First Eucharist. No children are required.

Family Session Dates:

All held at the Lower Gerein Centre – Please use South Parking Lot Entrance Only

Session 1 – Sunday, February 18th – after Mass

Session 2 – Sunday, March 10 – after Mass.

Session 3 – Sunday, March 17th – after Mass.

Session 4 – Sunday, April 14 – after Mass.

Child Only Retreat:

Sunday, April ? – after Mass, the Sunday before the confirmation date.

The retreat will be set for the Sunday before the actual Confirmation date. At this time we do not know when that date is- it is determined by the archbishop. We will inform you as soon as we know.

Retreat is in the Lower Gerein Centre.

Children aged 9 and older will have separate instruction at different times. Once registration is complete and our numbers are known, you will receive further information.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS:

We are not able to provide the dates at this time as we are waiting for the Archbishop's calendar to be finalized. The Archbishop has let us know that he would like to celebrate Confirmations at our parish this year. We will post the dates of the Celebrations on our website and by email as soon as we know.

There will also be a rehearsal scheduled once we know when the celebrations dates are.

If you have any questions, please contact
Martin Kondziewski at 306-347-1277 or pastoral.assistant@holycrossregina.ca
Website: www.holycrossregina.ca

Important Components of First Reconciliation Process:

Participate in Sunday Mass (weekly) pre and post
Sacramental Preparation

Rite of Enrollment – Commitment weekend

Completing the Student Workbook

Parent & Child Sessions completed together. Prefer both parents attend.

Completing the Retreat

First Reconciliation

Details on all above information will be reviewed at the time of parental information meeting, by registration via email and during the first session.

Important Components of The Restored Order Process:

Participate in Sunday Mass (weekly) Pre and Post Sacrament

Rite of Enrollment – Commitment Weekend

Working together on completing the Student Handouts and/or challenges at home.

Family participating in Lenten community activities.

Student learning the various tenants and beliefs of the faith.

Attending the sessions as a family. (Sponsors/Godparents may be included too.)

Attending the Retreat (children only).
Sponsors/Godparents may be included too.

Community service – the service component of the process will be discussed at the Parent Session

Attending the rehearsal and celebration as a family



Confirmation Sponsor Information

As your child is Confirmed in the Restored Order of the Sacraments, the first consideration for a sponsor should be the child's Godparents to continue the connection to their baptism.

If the child's Godparents are not chosen as their Confirmation sponsor(s), here are some suggestions of other people to consider:

- ✠ Some one who can pray for the candidate and journey with the candidate as they prepare for Confirmation as well as after Confirmation.
- ✠ A person who can support the life journey of the candidate.
- ✠ A person who models what it means to be a Catholic follower of Jesus
- ✠ A Grandmother or Grandfather
- ✠ An Aunt or An Uncle
- ✠ An active member of Holy Cross Parish Roman Catholic Parish

According to the guidelines of the Catholic Church a Confirmation Sponsor...

- ✠ **Must be appointed by the candidate or their parents**
- ✠ **Takes care that the person confirmed behaves as true witness of Christ**
- ✠ **Must be suitable and have the intention of fulfilling the role**
- ✠ **Can not be younger than 16 years of age**
- ✠ **Can be male or female (candidates are encouraged to choose only one sponsor – if there are two Godparents, both may be sponsors. One can be male and one female. Two men or two women cannot be sponsors together and no more than two sponsors are permitted.)**
- ✠ **Must be a Catholic who is fully initiated (Baptised, Confirmed and Eucharist)and lives a life of faith (who regularly practices his/her faith)**
- ✠ **If the sponsor is married, he/she must be married in the Catholic Church or have their marriage blessed by a priest (con-validated).**
- ✠ **Is not the father or mother of the candidate.**

The Sponsor must be present for the Celebration of Confirmation. (If this is not possible a substitute may stand in their place. Parents are not allowed to be substitutes.)

Families with more than one child being confirmed may share a sponsor.

Please note: the sponsor must request from the parish where they were baptised a copy of their baptism certificate to be created and sent directly (by standard mail or by email) to Holy Cross, care of Martin (email pastoral.assistant@holycrossregina.ca). These are witnessed by the current pastors or their representative. Please have that parish confirm they have sent the copy by email or phone **306-347-0929**. These must come before **January 12, 2023**.

Sponsor name must be indicated for *each Child* being Confirmed and submitted to Martin Kondziewski no later than **January 12, 2023**. The Sponsor Information Forms are attached to this document, or on line at www.holycrossregina.ca or by request at pastoral.assistant@holycrossregina.ca.

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HOLY CROSS-PARISH
Confirmation Sponsor Form

Filing Date: _____

Please fill out one registration per candidate

Sponsor, Legal Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Date of Birth: ____/____/____
(Day) (Month) (Year)

Faith: _____

<p>Current parish:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Church where Baptized (CwB) _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>CwB Phone No._____ Copy of Baptism certificate received _____</p>
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