

Saint Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Parish

10 St. Gregory's Drive, Cambridge Ontario. N1S 3Z1

October 3, 2023

Dear Parents and First Communicants:

Grade Two is a very special time for Roman Catholic children as it is in this year that they may receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Sacramental preparation is a three-way partnership between our parish, our schools and you, our parents. Together we will prepare your children for the reception of these beautiful sacraments. To help you prepare, you are asked to attend a **Parent Meeting on Wednesday, October 18th starting at 6:30pm at St. Gregory's Church (10 St. Gregory's Drive, Cambridge.)** Your attendance at this meeting is important, information will be shared regarding the formation program, school curriculum and the sacraments themselves. Our pastor and school staff will be available for any questions you may have.

First Reconciliation

- Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 6:30pm

First Communion

- Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 11:00am

THE FIRST STEP IN THIS PROCESS IS TO COMPLETE AND RETURN the First Reconciliation/First Communion Registration Form (attached). This form will also be made available on our school communication system and our parish website. You will also find a "Frequently Asked Questions" document (attached) which we ask that you print and review. To plan for the Sacraments, we need you to complete the registration process and ask that the **registration form along with any baptism certificates are returned at the Parent Meeting, October 18th if this is not possible, then ASAP BUT no later than January 31, 2024.**

If your child was baptized at St. Gregory's Parish you will simply return the completed registration form (no baptismal certificate is required). If your child was baptized in a Roman Catholic parish other than St. Gregory's, you must attach a copy of their baptismal certificate to the completed form.

To receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, children must be Baptized Roman Catholics. Children of non-Roman Catholic parents are unable to receive the sacraments. If at least one parent is Roman Catholic, but your child is not baptized or was baptized in a non-Roman Catholic Church, your child must become Roman Catholic to receive the sacraments. Please call the Parish office as soon as possible to make these arrangements.

We ask that you contact our parish office with any questions you may have that may not have been addressed in the FAQ document or at the parent meeting.

Ensuring you of our prayers for your health and safety and look forward to meeting you on October 18th, 2023

Reverend Father Khalid Karomi – Pastor