

# St. Finnan's Basilica

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## First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

### Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Most Holy Eucharist is the real presence of Jesus among us. He promised to his apostles: "I am with you always even until the end of time!" (Matthew 28:20). It is in the Eucharist that we become one family, that we become The Church of God. Sharing in the Most Precious Body of Christ during Communion we are called to be disciples of The One that we have received: Jesus Christ!

The preparation of children for The First Holy Communion takes place in the parish. During the year, the children will be welcomed to share with the community in the celebration of the Sunday Liturgy. It takes place at home, where the parents/guardians are to assist their children in preparation for these two Sacraments. Lastly it takes place at school, during the catechetical program in Roman Catholic schools.

Parents/guardian must request sacraments for their children. Parents will have to provide proof of baptism for their children. To begin the process of initiating the Sacramental Preparation Program, we are asking for parents to express their intent for their child entering the program this year.

Please fill in the form below to indicate your desire for your child to receive the sacraments this year and return to the parish (attention: Lorne Stang) or classroom teacher.

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information (email, cell): \_\_\_\_\_

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## First Reconciliation and First Communion Dates and Program Requirements

September 2023	Registrations are open
September 24th	Kick off BBQ, face painting, bouncy castles, cotton candy
September 24th	Enrollment at 11 am Mass *Completed registration form and baptismal certificate should be given at this time. (recommended that these be photocopies)
April 7th	First Lesson -Forgiveness and What is a Sacrament
April 14th	Second Lesson -What is Reconciliation and Preparation Matters
April 21st	Third Lesson -The Five Steps to Reconciliation
April 28th	Fourth Lesson -The Liturgy of the Eucharist and Holy Communion
May 4th	<b>First confession</b> on Saturday May 4th, 3pm St. Finnan's Basilica
May 5th	Fifth Lesson -Preparation Matters
May 12th	Sixth Lesson -The True Presence and This is a Special Day and Preparation Matters
May 19th	Seventh Lesson -From the Bible: Our Father
May 26th	<b>1st Communion</b> at St. Finnan's Basilica 11am Mass

*All lessons are at Sunday School which takes place during the 11am mass at the Basilica.*

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## Requirements for Preparation:

- Is a baptized Catholic
- Introduce yourself on September 24 at the 11am mass/the Kick off bbq or at some point in the fall
- Completed Sacramental Preparation Candidate Registration Form
- Learning prayers (School and 11 am Sunday school)
- Completion of First Reconciliation activities
- Completion of First communion activities
- Cost \$50- If this is an obstacle for anyone please let us know and we are happy to work something out.
- First Reconciliation (Saturday May 4th, 3pm )

If you have any questions please contact our Director of Evangelization and Parish Growth,  
Lorne Stang.

United in prayer,

Fr. Jonathan Blake