



ST. ROCH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

RE: FIRST COMMUNION

Blessings to you all. I pray that God has kept you safe and healthy over these past months.

We are ready to commence with our First Reconciliation and First Communion program for your children. We will be using an online program called "The Way" to help the students prepare. It is a fantastic program that I believe will provide the necessary foundation for your children.

To register your child, please neatly fill out the registration form and bring it in to our office together with \$50.00 payable by either cash or cheque. Make cheque payable to "St. Roch Church". **Please attach a photocopy of your child's Roman Catholic baptismal certificate when submitting the registration form.**

Once we have received all the registration forms and fees, the provider, who is offering the virtual sessions, will then email you the information for you to access the program. The email you provide us will be the one your child will use to access the program. We will **start the program the week of February 12, 2024**. There are six videos that will be released weekly. Each lasts approximately 23 minutes.

There will be one in person session that we will hold here at the parish hall. **It will be on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 6:30 pm.** At this session, we will cover how to go to confession as well as teach the children how to receive the Eucharist. In the meantime, we ask that you help your child memorize the Act of Contrition in preparation for their First Reconciliation. We have attached the prayer for your reference. **The First Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 6:30 pm.** We ask that one parent attend both of these dates with your child.

FIRST COMMUNION MASS will be on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 11:00 am.

Please return the registration form, copy of baptismal certificate and registration fee to the parish **by January 8, 2024.**

Blessings,

Fr. Michael Mateyk, C.P.P.S.
Pastor

Attachments: *Registration form
*Act of Contrition