

St. John the Evangelist Church

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

I want to welcome all the children, their families, teachers and principals back from summer holidays. The Pastoral Team and I hope that you had a restful summer and that the new school year will provide students with many opportunities for academic growth and spiritual development.

This year, the **Registration and Information Night** (for parents only) for the two sacraments of **FIRST RECONCILIATION and FIRST EUCHARIST** for Grade 2 children (and those in Grade 3 who missed registration last year) is on **Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. Social distancing will be in effect at this meeting (masks are mandatory). To register you must bring a **completed registration form** (please see attachment), a **photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate**, and **\$35** to cover the cost of the resource materials used in the program, in cash or cheque made out to St. John the Evangelist Church. At this meeting we will provide the Reconciliation workbooks to the parents and review the resource material to help parents prepare their children to celebrate this sacrament at the beginning of December. The schedule of dates and times for preparation sessions and celebrations is available now but subject to change (please see attachment). Selection of dates for First Eucharist celebrations will take place at a later time, after registration has taken place.



On **Tuesday, January 25, 2022**, there will be a **Parents' Meeting for First Eucharist** (for parents only) in the church, from **7:00 – 8:30 p.m.** Here you will receive the workbook for preparing your child to receive First Eucharist in the spring. Again, dates and times for the celebrations of First Eucharist will be made available at a later time.



The Sacrament Preparation programs provided by the Parish are to help our families prepare their children for the sacraments. Please note that *children should celebrate sacraments in the parish where they are registered and regularly worship.*

As always, if there are any questions about the Parish Sacramental Preparation Programs or any other concerns about parish events or activities, please do not hesitate to contact Susan Douglas in the parish office at (905) 668-3676, or at sdouglas@archtoronto.org. For more information pertaining to parish programs and news, including how to register to attend Sunday Mass during this time of social distancing, please visit our website at <https://stjohntheevangelistwh.archtoronto.org>. We look forward to working with our parish families, and with the cooperation of our schools, to joyfully celebrate our Church's sacraments once again this year.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Francisco Fernandez Siles, Pastor

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