

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.

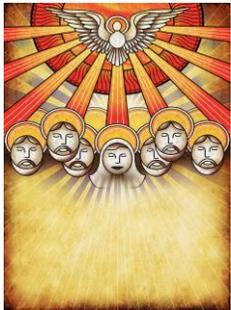


This year, the **Registration and Information Night** (for parents only) for the two sacraments of **FIRST RECONCILIATION and FIRST EUCHARIST** for Grade 2 children is on **Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. To register you must bring a **completed registration form** (please see attachment), a **photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate**, and **\$40** 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. Selection of dates for First Eucharist celebrations will take place at a later time (on Eventbrite), after the First Eucharist Parents' Meeting has taken place.



On **Tuesday, January 24, 2023**, 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. Workbooks will be distributed to the children's parents only and may not be picked up by a friend.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION for children in Grade 7 will take place in the Church on **Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** Children and parents are asked to attend this meeting, as it is an information session where we will be discussing specific details pertaining to the Confirmation program in our parish. Please bring a **completed registration form** (this will be provided to you at a later date), a **photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate** and **\$50** to cover the cost of expenses incurred by the program (i.e. journals, retreat with lunch, and gowns for the ceremony, etc.).



The Sacrament Preparation programs provided by the Parish are to help our families prepare their children for the sacraments. Your participation in the meetings and work at home is absolutely essential. A schedule of meetings and celebrations is included with this letter and is also available on the parish's website <https://stjohntheevangelistwh.archtoronto.org> under *Our Ministries*. Updates will be sent by email throughout the year (including instructions on how to sign up for a date for your child's sacramental celebration), so we ask that you provide an email on your child's registration form.

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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. 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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