



Dear Parents/Guardian:

Greetings from Good Shepherd Parish ! As a new school term begins we would like to invite you to actively participate in the faith life of our parish community. This is a year of spiritual growth and celebration, not only for your child, who will prepare to receive two sacraments, Reconciliation (First Penance) and First Holy Communion but also for you. While as parents you are the first teachers of the faith, the parish is here to help you, to guide your child through their questions and to share your family's joy. As community, it is important that we include the Family, Parish and the Schools as the foundation of their growth in the catholic faith.

In the preparation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we help your child understand that God give us life, joy and forgiveness; through this experiencing the deep love that Jesus has for us.

In the preparation of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, we walk with Jesus, we experience God's word, we share a meal as Jesus taught us, which we know as the Eucharist, to give God praise and thanks, deepening our understanding of how much Jesus loves us.

Attached is the Registration Form and an outline of important dates. At the parent meeting we will present information on how we will be preparing your child

Please come prepared to the Registration and Parent Meeting on Wednesday, October 17, 6:00 pm at Good Shepherd Parish 462 Advance Blvd. . You will need to bring:

- Copy of your child's baptismal certificate if they were baptized at a parish other than St. Gregory church site and St. William church site.
- \$40 material fee which covers both Sacraments
- Please have your 1st and 2nd choices of Date and Time for your child's First Communion. These dates are on the attached Sacrament Outline of dates.
- Please allow an hour for this meeting and registration.

Father Gary, Father Danny and I look forward to sharing this year of new and renewed faith with you and your child.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Gary Goyeau, Pastor

Betty Hompoth, Pastoral Minister