



# St. Andrew Sacramental Preparation: Reconciliation and Eucharist

October 2024

Dear Parents,

This year will be a wonderful and exciting one for your family as you join with the St. Andrew Parish in preparing your child for the celebration of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. We look forward to sharing all the gatherings and celebrations being planned for you and your child in anticipation of these special days. These gatherings are an integral part of preparation of celebrating these Sacraments. We appreciate you making this preparation process a priority for your family.

The first step in the sacramental preparation this year is for you and your child to join us at our first of three Eucharist Family Gatherings. During each gathering, we will discuss what the Eucharist means to us using language and theology appropriate for the children. There will also be a gathering for Reconciliation Preparation. During each gathering, our goal is to give you the tools you will need to help your child prepare for their First Eucharist and First Reconciliation celebrations, as well as the opportunity to experience faith formation together as a family.

We look forward to sharing this time together with you.

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**\*\*Please see the reverse side for an outline of the **SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE.** \*\***

# First Eucharist/ Reconciliation Gathering Dates:

We are aware of the scheduling challenges we all face and therefore have provided the date requirements for the preparation process below. **Please enter these important dates into your calendars.**

## **Important Notes:**

A **parent/child** preparation workbook will be given at the first gathering on **November 20<sup>th</sup>.**

There is a **Sunday Mass Journal** on the inside back cover of the book that is also to be completed.

We ask that this book be brought to our **March 12<sup>th</sup>** gathering.

The preparation book and Sunday Mass Journal are to be **completed** by our final gathering on **April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

\*\*\*If for some reason you are not able to attend the first gathering, you **MUST** pick up the book in the Faith Formation office.\*\*\*

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Gathering (1)</b>	<b>November 20</b>	<b>6:30-7:30 PM</b>	<b>church</b>
<b>Reconciliation Preparation</b>	<b>January 22</b> <b>OR</b> <b>January 26</b>	<b>6:30-7:30 PM</b>  <b>1:30-2:30 PM</b>	<b>church</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION SERVICE</b>	<b>Jan. 29 (A-G)</b> <b>Jan. 30 (H-P)</b> <b>Feb. 2 (Q-Z)</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>church</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Gathering (2)</b> <b>(Please bring your book.)</b>	<b>March 12</b>	<b>6:30-7:30 PM</b>	<b>church</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Gathering (3)</b> <b>(Please bring your COMPLETED book.)</b>	<b>April 6</b>	<b>After All Masses:</b> <b>9:10 (A-G)</b> <b>11:10 (H-P)</b> <b>1:10 (Q-Z)</b>	<b>Activity Building (GYM)</b>
Practice <b>ONLY</b> for <b>volunteers</b> helping with Mass on <b>May 3</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>4:30-5:30 PM (11am)</b> <b>5:30-6:30 PM (2pm)</b>	<b>church</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> EUCHARIST MASS</b>	<b>MAY 3</b>	<b>11:00 AM (A-E)</b> <b>AND</b> <b>2:00 PM (F-L)</b>	<b>church</b>
Practice <b>ONLY</b> for <b>volunteers</b> helping with Mass on <b>May 10</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>4:30-5:30 PM (11am)</b> <b>5:30-6:30 PM (2pm)</b>	<b>church</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> EUCHARIST MASS</b>	<b>May 10</b>	<b>11:00 AM (M-R)</b> <b>AND</b> <b>2:00 PM (S-Z)</b>	<b>church</b>