

# First Reconciliation & First Communion

2024-2025

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# Welcome!

Dear Families,

We are so excited to help you and your child in their journey of faith as they start to prepare for Reconciliation (Confession) and their First Communion!

In the Catholic Church, the age of 7 is seen as the age of reason – the period children develop their sense of morality; of right and wrong. You’ve probably seen it developing in your own child. The sense of fairness, rightness and of wonder and awe. All of these things are beautiful and good, even when they’re developing this sense of fairness by complaining about who got more dessert at dinner or more screen time! But this age of reason is also the age when they start taking on a more active role in their faith - confessing their sins to a priest and joyfully celebrating in the Mass!

At Kent Lambton Roman Catholic Family of Parishes we have a partnership of three – **Home, School, and Parish**. **Home** – this is you, the family, the domestic church. At baptism you promise to raise your child in the faith! This happens with the ebbs and flows of daily life – loving each other, making sacrifices, and celebrating God’s creation in each other and the world. **School** is where you’ve chosen to send your children – a faith-filled environment that builds upon the foundations of home. It’s filled with people who love God, and work every day to live authentically and make the world a better place for your child. At the **Parish** we connect the two – we offer Sacraments in the Church and in the Schools and offer support to both the Home and to the Schools.

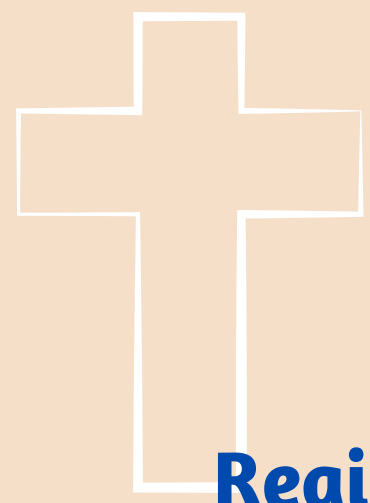
I look forward to this partnership - but make no mistake - you, the family, the domestic church, are the most important part of your child’s spiritual development. But don’t worry - God’s not calling us to be perfect. He’s calling us all to do our best with the gifts we are given. And we’re here to walk with your family along this journey.

Sincerely,

the Pastoral Team

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# Important Dates

**Registration:** Sign-up now! Online at [klrcfp.com/ConfessionCommunion](http://klrcfp.com/ConfessionCommunion)

**Parish Volunteers start classroom visits in  
October & November 2024**

**Parent & Child Reconciliation Workshop (drop-in program)**

Tuesday, November 5th, 5-8pm - Our Lady Help of Christians, Wallaceburg  
or

Saturday, November 9th, 10am-12pm - Sacred Heart Church, Port Lambton

**First Reconciliations**

Saturday November 23rd - 1pm, Our Lady Help of Christians, Wallaceburg  
or

Thursday, November 28th - 6pm, Sacred Heart Church, Port Lambton

Neither time works? Contact Fr. Chris to book an appointment: [cpietraszko@dol.ca](mailto:cpietraszko@dol.ca)

**Parish Volunteers start classroom visits in  
March & April 2025**

**Parent & Child First Communion Workshop (drop in program)**

Saturday, April 26th, 10am-12pm Our Lady Help of Christians, Wallaceburg  
or

Monday, April 28th, 5-8pm, Sacred Heart Church, Port Lambton

**First Communion Masses (1 pew reserved per family)**

Saturday, May 3rd, 5pm - Holy Family School at Holy Family Church

Sunday, May 4th, 12:30pm - St. Elizabeth School at Our Lady Help of Christians

Sunday, May 24th, 8:45am - Sacred Heart School at Sacred Heart Church

Sunday, May 24th, 12:30pm - Christ the King School at Our Lady Help of Christians

*(If your school's date doesn't work with your schedule you can choose  
any other Mass time, any weekend!)*

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# FAQ

## **What is the cost for Sacrament Preparation?**

We're requesting \$25 to cover the cost of books, workshop materials, and snacks. If this is a financial difficulty please reach out and we can accommodate your family. Payment can be made by e-transfer to [KentLambtonRCFP@dol.ca](mailto:KentLambtonRCFP@dol.ca) (please enter the student's name in the notes) or by cash at the workshop day.

## **What should my child wear to First Communion?**

It's a celebration! Formal wear is requested - traditionally boys wear suits (colour is up to you!) and girls wear white dresses (veils, gloves, etc. are not necessary), but not mandatory. We have a closet of donated First Communion formal wear - Carlo's Closet - you are welcome to come check it out anytime! It offers dresses, suits, shirts, pants, shoes, and accessories.

## **What are the logistics of the First Communion Mass?**

Each First Communion Mass is different based on the parish it is being celebrated in and by the primary school community we are celebrating that day. Each student will be reserved one pew, but if you need more please let me know. The student will sit next to the middle aisle so that they can be the first to receive the Eucharist during Mass. This also helps if they volunteer for any extra roles during Mass!

## **What are some extra ways I can help my child prepare?**

Attend Mass together.

Read the readings before Mass (*optional - get the Living With Christ for Young Catholics book*)

Ask family and friends to pray for your child.

Lead by example - go to Confession.

Try an Adoration Hour at the parish.

Make the bookwork time a special time for just you and your child.

Create a prayer space in their room.

Add prayer time to your family's schedule.

Add Catholic music to your day to help your child become familiar with the music of Mass.

## **How do I sign up?**

Check out our website for more information or to register! If digital is not your preferred method of communication you can submit the attached form to your classroom teacher.

## **More Questions?**

Contact Dorothy deBakker - [ddebakker@dol.ca](mailto:ddebakker@dol.ca) / 519-437-9080

Link: [www.KLRCFP.com/ConfessionCommunion](http://www.KLRCFP.com/ConfessionCommunion)