



ST. AMBROSE PARISH
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Dear Parents of St. Joseph School Students in Grade 2/3:

As the Sacramental Coordinator of St. Ambrose Parish, I am writing to share good news for your child and family. Children currently in Grade 2 or older, if Baptized, are potential candidates for the reception of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this school year. With the support and engagement of you as parents, the parish, and the Catholic school community, I look forward to assisting your family as your child prepares to joyfully receive the gifts of these Sacraments. Classes for these Sacraments will begin in January of 2024.

If your child has not yet been Baptized, please call the Parish Office at 403-345-3400 and we will help you to have your child receive this first Sacrament.

His Excellency, Most Reverend William T. McGrattan, Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary, has led the development and implementation of a Sacrament Preparation program that is being used in all the parishes in the Diocese of Calgary. With the consistency of all using the same program, the parishes can work closely with families and the school communities. The Catholic schools provide the Religious and Family Life program at the school and the parish provides the Sacramental preparation classes.

Registration for the Sacramental Preparation classes will take place later in the fall and those dates will be announced as soon as they are set. A Registration and Parent Information Session will be held that will explain the program and how you, as parents, will support your child's continued growth in our Faith. This will be a PARENTS ONLY MEETING.

- For this meeting you will need to bring:
 - a) A copy of your child's Baptism certificate if they have not been Baptized at St. Ambrose or St. Catherine's Parishes. You will need to contact the parish where your child was Baptized for this document. Proof of their Baptism is required to receive these Sacraments.
 - b) The completed Registration form, which will be sent to you when the registration dates are set. Please fill in ALL the information as it is required documentation for the Sacraments.
 - c) The fee for the 2 books needed for the program. The books are \$25.00 each for a total of \$50.00, payable at registration please.

The parish of St. Ambrose looks forward to supporting your child in prayer as they prepare to receive the Sacraments, and to celebrating with you this time of God's grace in the life of your child and your family. If you have any questions, please call me at

Yours in Christ,
Sylvia Zalik
St. Ambrose Parish Sacrament Coordinator

