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Dear Parents/Guardians;

Re: First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2026

The Archdiocese of Kingston implemented in 2023 a policy for Sacramental Preparation for all parishes within our Archdiocese. Similar to last year's program, with the help of our Sacramental Preparation team and you, the parents and family members, your child will be prepared for the reception of the sacraments through the parish. Our focus is bringing the families closer to Christ and the Church through proper catechesis. As a community, we will be supporting our candidates for this important milestone in their lives. This policy can be found on our parish website <https://www.stjosephskingston.ca/> or visit the Archdiocesan website at <https://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/>

I would like to invite all parishioners with children in grade 2 or higher, who wish to have your child celebrate the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in the Spring of 2026 to complete the online registration form.

Registration is online only, visit <https://www.stjosephskingston.ca/> to register your child. **Deadline for registration is October 31, 2025. No late registrations will be accepted.**

Private pre-Sacramental meetings will be held with Fr. Cosmas with each candidate and their parents. Appointments will be scheduled through the parish office at the time of registration.

All parents are invited to attend an Information Meeting on **November 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church with Father Cosmas and our Parish Catechists. Meeting will be held in the Church as our Parish Hall is closed for construction. This meeting will provide parents with the information necessary to start their child on the journey toward the reception of this Sacrament as well as information regarding Enrollment Ceremony, Sacramental Preparation classes which will be held at the Parish beginning in January 2026. The meeting is geared to adults, and so it is not necessary that your child be present at the meeting, but all are welcome,

Important dates to mark on your calendar, the **Enrollment Ceremony for the candidates** will take place on **Sunday, November 23, 2025 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. First Reconciliation on February 24, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. and First Communion will be on April 26, 2026. Note: time of Mass for First Communion will be based on the number of candidates.**

I am looking forward to seeing you, as we continue our journey in faith.

Sincerely,

Rev. Cosmas Ajawara
Pastor