



ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA
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FIRST RECONCILIATION / HOLY COMMUNION 2023-24

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you for taking this next step in the formation of your child. At your child's Baptism, you promised to "train them in the practice of the faith" and "to bring them up to keep God's commandments." You fulfil this vow primarily by the good example of your own lives, but your taking time to prepare them for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist is also proof of your dedication to keeping that promise made to God.

We approach sacramental preparation at St Michael's Cathedral Basilica as a collaborative effort between the parents and the Church. While the parents are the primary educators of their children, the Church offers you her assistance in a more focused way as your child approaches the sacraments. Because of your own indispensable role in passing on the faith to your child, you are encouraged to attend the sessions with your child, and to work with them as they prepare for their first confession.

If you are unable to attend any of these sessions, please let the Lay Pastoral Associate know.

Please know that you and your children are in my prayers, and do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you or your child may have.

In Christ,

Fr. Frank Portelli
Rector

First Reconciliation / Holy Communion 2023-24
Atrium

Week	Topic	Date: 2 – 4 p.m.
1	Parent Session	October 22
2	Created by Love	November 5
3	A Steadfast Love	November 19
4	Unconditionally Loved	December 3
5	Saved by Love	December 17
6	A Universal Love	January 7
7	The Sacrament of Baptism: Loved, Renewed, Restored	January 21
8	The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Love Restored	February 4
9	The Sacrament of the Eucharist: Sacrificial Love	February 25
10	The Liturgy of the Mass: Loving God Back	March 10
11	Review: Called to Love	March 24
12	<i>First Reconciliation & Holy Communion Rehearsal</i>	<i>April 14</i>
13	<i>First Holy Communion</i>	<i>April 21</i>

Please note that sessions happen every other week, with a few exceptions to break for the Christmas/New Year Holiday, and the Lenten Season

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION FORM](#)

FEES: All fees for the First Communion Preparation are covered in the initial payment of \$40.00/child

MEETING SPACE INSTRUCTIONS:

Access to the Cathedral Atrium Meeting room is as follows:

1. Proceed to 65 Bond Street (Cathedral main entrance).
2. Rather than going inside the Cathedral, please find the black gate on the North side of the Cathedral courtyard (closest to the Choir school, by the accessibility ramp).
3. A security guard or volunteer will be there to open the gate and let you in

through the Atrium Courtyard (otherwise please wait for someone to let you in).

4. Proceed straight through the gate and up the ramp to the double doors (again a volunteer will be present to let you into the Atrium meeting space).

If you have difficulty finding your way, do not hesitate to contact Chelsea at the number below.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

To ensure a safe and supportive learning environment, we ask parents to please contact Chelsea to make accommodations for students who request and need it.

Additionally, there will be a light snack provided at these sessions, so if your child has any allergies, please contact Chelsea with this information.

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