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FIRST RECONCILIATION / HOLY COMMUNION 2024-25

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

SCHEDULE

Week	Topic	Date: 2 – 4 p.m.
1	Parent Session - October 20 @ 1:15 p.m.	
2	Created by Love	November 3
3	A Steadfast Love	November 10
4	Unconditionally Loved	December 1
5	Saved by Love	December 8
6	A Universal Love	January 19
7	The Sacrament of Baptism: Loved, Renewed, Restored	January 26
8	The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Love Restored	February 9
9	The Sacrament of the Eucharist: Sacrificial Love	March 2
10	The Liturgy of the Mass: Loving God Back	March 30
11	Review: Called to Love	April 6
12	<i>First Reconciliation & Holy Communion Rehearsal</i>	<i>April 27</i>
13	<i>First Holy Communion – May 4, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m. Mass</i>	

Please note that sessions are a bit more sporadic and to mark these dates in your calendar to stay on top of it

REGISTRATION: To register for the First Communion program, you can:

1. Register online via the QR code, or to click the link below.
2. Come to the Parish Office to fill out the online form from LPA's computer.
3. Register in person, on Sunday, October 20th at 1:15 p.m. in the Atrium (to find the Atrium see the details below).

**[CLICK HERE FOR
REGISTRATION FORM
OR SCAN BELOW](#)**



ADMINISTRATIVE FEE: All donations to the First Communion Preparation are covered in the initial payment of \$40.00/child

- For anyone who cannot pay the \$40 administrative fee, please contact the Lay Pastoral Associate (information page 4).

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 information about dietary restrictions.

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