



Holy Rosary Parish

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First Reconciliation and First Eucharist 2022

October 11, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I bring greetings to you from Holy Rosary Parish. We are preparing for this year's celebrations of First Reconciliation and Eucharist. Our children are preparing themselves to deepen their relationship with God and the Catholic Church. I would like to bring to your attention some details regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

From a young age, we have been taught to forgive people when they hurt us or make us upset. Also, we are taught that we need to ask for forgiveness when the source of hurt is ourselves. During our children's preparation for this sacrament, they will learn that sin can be the source of pain in our relationships with God, with others, and even with ourselves. Reconciliation is a tremendous experience of forgiveness and peace. The grace of this sacrament, therefore, awakens within them the desire to stand before others as a source of peace. As parents, you are invited to assist them in their preparations and to share in their celebration of receiving God's special touch of mercy.

We invite you to attend our **Parents Only** meeting in the Church on:

Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 7:00 pm for

- Holy Rosary School
- Our Lady of Victory School
- Queen of Heaven School
- St. Anthony of Padua School
- St. Peter School

Parents/Guardians should make every effort to attend this meeting.

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You are asked to bring the following to this meeting:

- **Completed Registration Form**
- **Photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate**
- During the pandemic, Holy Rosary Parish has greatly struggled from the lack of financial support. We are respectfully requesting, if you are able, to offer **\$30 (thirty dollars)** to help us offset the cost of the retreat, materials, and other costs which are attributed to the preparation of our young people for these two sacraments. Thank you for your support.
- **To be clear, this is not a fee for the sacrament, but a voluntary offer to assist your parish.**
- **Please place cash or a cheque made payable to "Holy Rosary Parish" in the envelope provided.**

I would like to thank you for the time and concern you have placed on the **spiritual** well-being of your son and/or daughter. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the parish secretary.

May God always bless you and your family.

Sincerely Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. John Van Hees". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a light gray rectangular box.

Father John Van Hees

Pastor

Note:

If you are unable to submit your registration information at the October 19th parents meeting, then please submit it to our parish office no later than November 25th, 2022.