



St. Ambrose Catholic Church

PASTOR: Fr. Michael Machacek
782 Browns Line
Etobicoke, ON M8W 3W2

October 17, 2024

Dear Parent(s) of Grade 2 Children,

RE: SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION 2025

I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information regarding First Holy Communion/Reconciliation for **2025**.

Part of the preparation for your child receiving this Sacrament is *attending mass at St. Ambrose*.

In past few years, we started a new First Holy Communion program online called "**Catholic Online School**". Please go to www.catholiconline.school and click on the Courses tab, then under Religion A-Z, click First Holy Communion/Certificate. There are 11 lessons, and each video lesson is approximately 4 minutes long, followed by a quiz. We recommend and encourage parent(s) to participate and follow along with your child when they are doing the lesson and quiz.

This course features 11 mobile-friendly video lessons. In order to earn the Certificate of Completion, a student must play **100%** of the video from beginning to end. If the video is skipped, or viewed at less than 100%, then credit for that portion of the course will **not** be registered. All students are required to complete 100% of all lessons, (which includes passing all quizzes to earn a certificate of completion). The student must click the continue button through every section of every course and watch 100% of the videos.

The Certificate of Completion must be provided together with the registration form on the day of registration at the parish on Saturday, **January 4th, 2025**. This certificate is proof of your child's completion of the course. The certificate is required in order for the student to receive their Sacrament. Along with the online study, Fr. Michael will visit the students at school. Also, there will be **5 classes** before First Communion and first Confession/ Reconciliation to recap and go through the Sacrament of Confession process.



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Information meeting and Registration form drop off date is:

Saturday, January 4th at 11:00 a.m. in the Church

To register, please go to our website stambroseparish.com and under the **Forms** tab, please complete and print the First Communion form, attaching a **copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate**. If your child is not Baptized, please speak with Father Michael before you attend this meeting. *Please note that we will NOT accept hand written forms.

This is the only day that we will accept Registration Forms and you will need to attend the MANDATORY information meeting. If you cannot make this date, you must have someone attend the meeting on your behalf so they can communicate to you the information that is shared that day, and to drop off the form. There are NO EXCEPTIONS.

Regarding the 5 classes and first Confession, including rehearsal are **mandatory** and again there no exceptions. If you cannot commit to these dates, please note that you can opt out and have your child receive the Sacrament the following year, in 2026 when you can commit.

We ask that you please sign on the third page of this document, **ONLY** if you are agreeing that you are committed to all the dates below with no exceptions.

Information & Registration Meeting Saturday, January 4, 2025 MANDATORY		
Catechism Class	Dates	Location
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Sat., March 22, 2025	In church
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Sat., March 29, 2025	In church
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Sat., April 5, 2025	In church
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Sat., April 12, 2025	In church
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:00 a.m. Sat., April 26, 2025 In church		
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES		
First come bases & limited – sign up sheet on Information & Registration Meeting		
Saturday, May 3 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass		
Sunday, May 4 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass		
Saturday, May 10 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass		
Sunday, May 11 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass		

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By signing below, you are committing to all dates with **NO** exceptions.

Child's Name: _____

(Please Print Clearly)

Parent Name: _____

(Please Print Clearly)

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

A \$55 Registration Fee is to be Paid on the day of Registration, January 4, 2025. Cash payment is preferred, but if necessary a cheque payable to St. Ambrose Parish will be accepted.

I look forward to celebrating all of the childrens' First Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Please be assured of my prayers for all of you during this time of preparation.

Peace and prayers,

Father Michael Machacek, Pastor