

ST. PATRICK PARISH / ST. MARY MISSION

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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

The sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist continue the process of initiation as the children mature by growing in their faith following Baptism and culminating with Confirmation. The candidates who will be participating in First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are typically in grade two around the age of seven since theoretically by then they should have some understanding of the Catholic faith. If you have children who are older and were not able to be prepared for participation in these sacraments because of the pandemic you can enroll them at this time. Parents who want to have their child prepared for the reception of these sacraments are asked to fill out the Registration Form and include your child's **Catholic Baptismal Certificate**. Please send the completed form and Baptismal Certificate to me as soon as possible by sending it to the Parish Office (saintpatrick100@gmail.com). If your child was baptized at St. Patrick's, Railton or St. Mary, Odessa the date of baptism is sufficient since we already have the Baptism on record.

Parents are the essential educators of their child's upbringing in the Catholic Faith. I want to emphasize that you will **participate** in your child's instruction for these sacraments by doing the instruction at home. We will provide you with the books with the parent guide for you. There are five or six lessons for each sacrament. When you have completed the lessons, we could set a date for your child to receive the sacrament at the church.

Please take time to help them to form a deeper relationship with Jesus. Perhaps utilizing the following: *reading them short Bible stories (at their level of understanding), teaching them prayers, praying with them such as grace before meals and so on. I invite you and your family to participate at Sunday Mass at 11:00am in Railton or on Saturday at 4:30pm in Odessa on a regular basis.* Gathered to worship God as a parish community is the strongest connection since it is where our calling as the Body of Christ helps us to grow with others in our relationship with Jesus.

The benefits of your direct involvement with your child's preparation will be a blessing for you. These include: *a closer relationship and trust between you and your child, the opportunity for you to learn a bit more about your Catholic faith, the questions that your child will ask you may spark a greater interest in your beliefs, and there are many other benefits that you'll discover on your own.*

It's always a rewarding experience for me and our parish, to collaborate with you and your child to experience God's love in preparation to receive Jesus through these Sacraments.

Sincerely in the Lord,



(Fr.) Sebastian Amato

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First Reconciliation and First Communion 2023 Registration Form

Please Print Clearly

*Our family supports our child by being involved in the preparation
for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.*

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Last Name First Name Year/Month/Day

Postal Address with Postal Code: _____

School: St. Patrick Other: _____

Please Note: A copy of the Catholic Baptismal Certificate is required for registration. (If baptized at St. Patrick, Railton or at St. Mary, Odessa, the date of Baptism is sufficient.

Date of Baptism: _____
Parish of Baptism: _____
Address of Parish of Baptism: _____

Father's Name _____
Email Address: _____
Phone Number: _____

Mother's Name _____ Maiden Name _____
Email Address: _____
Phone Number: _____

Which parent is the best contact person? Mother Father Both

***Please return the completed form to
the Parish Office at saintpatrick100@gmail.com
as soon as possible. Thank you!***