

Parishes of St. Paul and St. John the Baptist, Fort McMurray

Sacramental Preparation Registration

Signs of Grace Program

Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Holy Communion takes place directly within our parish.

Following the *2020 Directory for Catechesis*, this approach ensures families are deeply connected to the life of the Church. To support this ongoing journey, we use *Signs of Grace* from the Augustine Institute. This program offers engaging, age-appropriate formation for children and practical support to help families grow in faith together.



Program Costs: There is a materials cost of \$40 per child, per sacrament. Payment details will be shared once preparation classes begin.

Eligibility

To begin sacramental preparation, children must be baptized. If your child is not yet baptized, please contact the parish office to start that process.

Eligibility is based on your child's grade entering September:

- **Grade 3 and above:** Eligible for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. For Grade 3 students, this preparation will be a two-year journey.
- **Grade 4 and above:** Eligible for all three sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation), which can be completed within the same year.

Preparation Class Timeline

Our preparation timeline for the upcoming year will be:

- **Fall, 2026:** First Reconciliation
- **Spring, 2027:** Confirmation
- **Summer, 2027:** First Holy Communion

Each sacrament requires 5 to 8 preparation classes, which will be hosted across both of our parishes. To accommodate family schedules, both weekday and weekend options will be available for attendance.

Registration

Please click the [link](#) or scan the QR code to register your child for this cohort. Registration closes on **July 31st** to ensure we have enough time to order program materials.

**Registration closes
July 31st, 2026**

