

September 4, 2018



Hello!

A new school year; how exciting! I pray you had a wonderful summer. As you may know, my name is Dan D'Agostino and I am the Sacrament Coordinator at St. Albert the Great Parish.

In my last letter to parents of students in our schools, I indicated that Bishop McGrattan is taking the diocese in a new direction with sacraments. It is a lot of work, but it is an exciting time.

One change is that First Reconciliation will now precede First Eucharist, and both will take place as early as Grade 2. It will be a combined registration for these sacraments, with a suggested \$50 fee to help offset the cost of the materials (however, if a child has already received First Eucharist, but never had the opportunity to celebrate Reconciliation, they will be able to register for and celebrate First Reconciliation alone for \$25).

Another benefit will be that all of our parishes will be using the same format for preparation and offering the sessions in close succession. So, if ever a family has a conflict with a session, they will have a chance to make it up at another parish.

Registration for the sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and School-Age Baptism) at St. Albert the Great Parish is now open throughout the month of September: <http://www.st-albert-parish.com/sacraments>

You will find dates for the sacraments on the website, as well as on the back of this letter.

This year, we are offering a choice of back-to-back sessions on Mondays (4:30pm or 6:30pm).

If at least one parent is Catholic, and your child is not yet baptized, you may also contact me about the process of baptism, or visit the parish website. If your child is older than Grade 2, you will find information on our School-Age Baptism Preparation. If neither parent is Catholic, but interested in joining the Church, get in touch with me and I will provide information on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

I look forward seeing you soon! Please contact me if you have any questions whatsoever.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan D'Agostino". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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SACRAMENT DATES 2018-2019

First Reconciliation / First Eucharist

For children Grade 2 and up

First Reconciliation / First Eucharist Parent Information Session: Monday, October 15, 2018, 6:30pm

First Reconciliation:

Parish Welcome for First Reconciliation:
October 27 or 28, any Mass time
(Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am/11am/5pm)

Session 1: Monday, October 29: 4:30pm OR 6:30pm
Session 2: Monday, November 19: 4:30pm OR 6:30pm
Session 3: Monday, December 10: 4:30pm OR 6:30pm
Session 4: Monday, January 14: 4:30pm OR 6:30pm

First Reconciliation Retreat & Celebration:
Saturday, February 2: 12:00pm OR 2:00pm

First Eucharist:

Parish Welcome for First Eucharist:
February 23 or 24, any Mass time
(Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am/11am/5pm)

Session 1: Monday, February 25: 4:30pm OR 6:30pm
Session 2: Monday, March 18: 4:30pm OR 6:30pm
Session 3: Monday, April 8: 4:30pm OR 6:30pm
Session 4: Monday, April 29: 4:30pm OR 6:30pm

First Eucharist Retreat & Rehearsal:
Saturdays, May 25 / June 8 / June 15, 7:00pm

Celebration of First Eucharist:
Sundays, May 26 / June 9 / June 16, 2:00pm

Confirmation

For youth Grade 6 and up

Confirmation Parent Information Session:
Monday, December 3, 2018, 6:30pm

Parish Welcome for Confirmation:
January 19 or 20, any Mass time
(Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am/11am/5pm)

Session 1: Monday, January 21: 4:30pm OR 6:30pm
Session 2: Monday, February 4: 4:30pm OR 6:30pm
Session 3: Monday, March 4: 4:30pm OR 6:30pm
Session 4: Monday, April 1: 4:30pm OR 6:30pm

Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal:
Thursday, May 9: 7:30pm

Celebration of Confirmation:
Friday, May 10 at 7pm or Saturday, May 11 at 2pm

School-Age Baptism

For children Grade 2 and up

Session 1: Monday, November 5: 6:30pm

Rite of Acceptance:
Friday, November 16: 6:30pm

Session 2: Monday, November 26: 6:30pm
Session 3: Monday, January 28: 6:30pm

Penitential Rite:
Friday, February 8: 6:30pm

Candidates for School-Age Baptism then join the preparation sessions for First Eucharist:
Session 1: Monday, February 25: 4:30pm OR 6:30pm
Session 2: Monday, March 18: 4:30pm OR 6:30pm
Session 3: Monday, April 8: 4:30pm OR 6:30pm
Session 4: Monday, April 29: 4:30pm OR 6:30pm

Baptism Retreat & Rehearsal:
Friday, May 3: 7:30pm

Celebration of Baptism and First Eucharist:
Sunday, May 5: 2:00pm



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