

## SAINT ALBERT THE GREAT CHURCH

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Dear Parents:

As pastor of St. Albert the Great Church, I am writing to share good news for your child and family. Children currently in grade 2, if baptized, are potential candidates for the reception of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this school year. With the support and engagement of you as parents, the parish and the Catholic school community, I look forward to assisting your family as your child prepares to joyfully receive the gifts of these Sacraments.

His Excellency, Most Reverend William T. McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary, has led the development and implementation of a Sacrament Preparation Program that is consistent in form and content in all parishes of the Calgary Diocese. The Catholic parishes in the Diocese work closely with the school communities. The Catholic schools provide Religious and Family Life Education for your child and the immediate preparation for the sacraments takes place at the parish.

The sacrament preparation process at the parish consists of the following:

- **Parent Information Session** to further explain the Sacrament Preparation Program and how you can continue to support your child's faith development. **It will be held on September 30.**
- Four (4) sessions and a retreat to prepare for First Reconciliation
- Four (4) sessions and a retreat for to prepare for First Eucharist.
- There will be sessions for children along with concurrent sessions for parents at the same time. The sessions run for 90 minutes.

To support your family's schedule planning see the dates in the chart on the reverse side of this letter.

There is a fee of \$25 for each Sacrament Preparation Program totaling \$50 to help offset the cost of the materials. Your child will receive two books, Celebrate and Remember Reconciliation and Celebrate and Remember Eucharist.

To register, please visit the Sacraments page of our parish website: <http://stalbertthegreat.ca/sacraments>  
**Registration will only be available in the month of September, so please don't wait to sign up!**  
You may contact Dan D'Agostino if you have any questions: [sacraments@stalbertthegreat.ca](mailto:sacraments@stalbertthegreat.ca)

If your child has not been baptized yet, please feel welcome to contact us at your earliest convenience.

The parish community is looking forward to supporting your child in prayer as they prepare to receive the sacraments and celebrating this time of God's grace with your child and your family.

I take this opportunity to assure you of my prayers and a very warm welcome to St. Albert the Great.

Yours in Christ,

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