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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Diocese of Calgary is delighted to invite you to prepare your child(ren) for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist at St. Martha's Parish.

Our guiding theme for this sacramental preparation journey is inspired by Matthew 19:14 *"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."* This verse beautifully captures the essence of our pastoral renewal, affirming that **our children are called by God, they matter to Him, and they belong to the Body of Christ** – our Church and parish community.

We deeply value your family and are committed not only to preparing your child(ren) for these important sacraments but also to supporting your family's ongoing relationship with Christ and integrating faith into daily life.

To this end, we have introduced several elements in our sacramental preparation process. Notably, instead of traditional classroom settings, each family will be part of a small group that will journey through the preparation together. During our "Family Gatherings," you and your child will engage in prayer, listen to the Word of God, participate in conversations and discussions, and enjoy fun, interactive activities and games that will deepen your child(ren)'s understanding of the faith and the sacraments.

The preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will include 16 gatherings, totaling 24 hours, from September through June. Dates for First Eucharist, which will start in April 2027, will be published at a later time. All gatherings will occur at St. Martha's Parish.

FIRST RECONCILIATION	
•	Parents-Only Gathering (Monday, October 19, 6:00 PM)
•	Family Gathering 1 (Monday, October 26, 6:00 PM)
•	Family Gathering 2 (Monday, November 2, 6:00 PM)
•	Family Gathering 3 (Monday, November 9, 6:00 PM)
•	Family Gathering 4 (Monday, November 16, 6:00 PM)
•	Family Gathering 5 (Monday, November 23, 6:00 PM)
•	Family Gathering 6 (Monday, November 30, 6:00 PM)
•	Retreat/Rehearsal (Monday, December 7, 6:00 PM)
•	Celebration (To Be Announced)

For the first time, we will only be offering online registration. You can find the registration form through our parish website or the QR Code below! When your child's registration is received, you will be added to our email list and sent further details - please register early so you don't miss any of these important updates. The registration deadline is 4:00 PM on Friday, October 16, 2026.

The registration cost for First Reconciliation and First Communion is \$50, to cover the cost of resources. The fee is payable by e-transfer to office@stmarthasparish.ca (please include 'Sacramental Preparation - [Your Child's Name]' as the memo line).

If your child is unbaptized and you wish to catch them up on their sacraments, please indicate this on the registration. Should you have any other questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We warmly invite your family to join us on this sacred journey and look forward to supporting your children as they grow closer to Christ!

Yours in Christ,

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Sacramental Preparation
Online Registration Form