

June 20, 2018

Dear Parents,

Your child will be in Grade 2 next year and is invited to prepare to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Included in this letter are some important deadline dates.

Online registration for First Holy Communion will be open as of July 15 and remain open **all summer** at www.stleonardsparish.ca It will close on September 28th. A Baptismal Certificate must be submitted at time of registration by email or fax: 613-692-3562. **A Parent Info/Registration Night** will be held **on September 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Leonard Church**. At that time we will give a brief presentation and answer any questions you may have. **The fee of \$50.00** must be submitted at that time. You will receive the 1st of two sacrament preparation workbooks for your child. The other book will be handed out at First Reconciliation.

Please be aware that church attendance is necessary. Beginning Sept 29, 2018, there will be dated activity sheets available at the front to the church each weekend. **Six worksheets** must be handed in before your child may receive **First Reconciliation**. **Twelve worksheets** must be returned **before** a date will be given for **First Holy Communion**. **Activity sheets must be returned regularly at weekend Masses ensuring all are returned by April 21, 2019.** Your child's first and last name must be on each activity sheet. Activity sheets will not be accepted at the parish office.

Your child will also be asked to participate in **One Children's Mass**. These are held on the **4th Sunday of every month**. You will be able to sign your child up for a Mass at the end of the Registration Night. Marc Paradis is coordinator of the Children's Masses and will be there to answer any questions.

The children celebrating the sacraments will be formally welcomed into the parish community at an **Enrolment Mass on Sunday September 30, 2018** - 9 am Mass for St. Leonard, 11 am Mass for St. Jerome. A reception will follow each Mass.

First Reconciliation will be held at St. Leonard Church on Tuesday **February 12, 2019** for St. Leonard Students and on Tuesday, **February 19, 2019** for St. Jerome School students. They will both be held at 7:00 p.m.

Dates for First Holy Communion Masses are: St. Jerome - April 27 & 28, St. Leonard May 4 & 5. May 11 will be an extra day open for students from either school. Each First Communion date will have 12 spots available and will be on a "first come-first serve" basis.

As your child prepares for this major step in his or her journey of faith, it is important that family, school and parish work together to give as much support as possible. In addition to instruction in the faith, your child needs opportunities at home, school and church to become more familiar with prayer, worship and service. Together we can provide concrete and joyful encouragement. We look forward to supporting your children in their journey to the table of the Lord.

Blessings to you and your family,
Rev. Titus Egbueh, Pastor and the Sacramental Preparation Team