



Saint Joseph's | Immaculate Conception | Holy Name Of Mary

September 5, 2023

Dear parents & guardians:

Preparations are under way for this year's First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion celebrations, and we hope that you and your child will take part! We want to invite you to our **Parent Formation Night for Sacramental Preparation** (adults only, if you are in need of child care please contact Erika at [eeaglesham@dol.ca](mailto:eeaglesham@dol.ca)), which will be held on September 21 from 6:30-8:30 at Holy Name of Mary parish and September 26 from 6:30-8:30 pm at St. Joseph parish (please attend only one).

Please visit: <https://avonthamescatholic.dol.ca/sacraments> to download or print the registration form. Please bring the registration form to the parent formation night. Or complete and return to Mary Chisholm through email to [mchisholm@dol.ca](mailto:mchisholm@dol.ca). You may also drop it off to the lockbox just outside the Parish office at 96 Huron St., Stratford. (Please mark the envelope Attn: Mary Chisholm – First Reconciliation/Communion registration form.)

If your child was not baptized at St. Joseph's, Holy Name of Mary, or Immaculate Conception Church, you are required to attach a copy or scan of your child's baptismal certificate to the registration form. We cannot process the registration without having a copy on file, as proof of baptism is required.

**Registration for both sacraments will close on Friday October 27, 2023.**

Celebrations of First Reconciliation are scheduled as follows:

Feb 29 @ 6:30 pm, Immaculate Conception church

March 6 @ 6:30 pm, St. Joseph church

March 7 @ 6:30 pm, Holy Name of Mary church

Celebrations of First Holy Communion can be scheduled in small groups at weekend Mass during the Easter season 2024.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our Parent Formation dates. Please join our Flocknote group "First Reconciliation / First Communion 2024" at <https://AvonThames.flocknote.com/FirstReconciliat> to stay up-to date on all information!

In Christ,

Fr. David Butler (Pastor)