

St. Mary's and the Missions Parish

**For students who are in Grade 2 in the school year of 2025 - 2026.**

## **First Reconciliation & First Communion**

Meeting for Reconciliation for parents & children

Friday, March 6, 2026

6 pm – 7 pm

### **Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Tues, March 10, 2026 or Thurs, March 12, 2026**

**6:00 pm - 6:30 pm**

Meeting for First Communion for parents & children

Friday, April 17, 2026

6 pm – 7 pm

School Retreat at the Church

Thursday, May 7, 2026

10 am – 2 pm

### **Mass of First Communion**

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**

**10 am - 11 am**

#### **Who are these sacraments for?**

To receive the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Communion, a child must be a Baptized Roman Catholic, over the age of seven, and has not yet received these sacraments. Permission of both parents is required for the child to receive these sacraments.

#### **How does the person prepare for these sacraments?**

Much of the preparation for the reception of these sacraments is received through a faithful life as a Catholic: attending Mass on a regular basis, regular family prayer, and personal study. Those who attend Catholic schools are also privileged to receive ongoing Catholic teaching which serves as preparation. We encourage everyone asking for these sacraments to already have a committed life of faith and a commitment to the Catholic Church.

The immediate preparation for these sacraments will be achieved through meetings with the priest at the parish church (as outlined in the schedule above). It is during these meetings that both children and parents will be offered greater understanding about these sacraments, their role in the lives of Catholics, and the way in which these will be celebrated.