
September 9, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the pastor of St. Clement Church, I am writing to you today about the Sacraments of Reconciliation (First Confession) and Eucharist (First Communion) which will both be offered to your son/daughter in Grade 2. Please know that the parish is happy to offer whatever assistance we can to you as parents and families - the primary educators of your children in the faith, in this important and joyful time of preparation.

We invite and strongly encourage you and your family to attend either the Saturday evening 4:45pm Mass or Sunday 9:30am or 11:30am Mass each week, especially this year as your child is preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. We also ask that you register with us in the parish if your family has not yet done so. Please visit our website <https://stclementset.archtoronto.org> for our complete Mass schedule and updates.

An integral part of the student's preparation is a home program (with parental assistance) through the completion of two catechetical books entitled "We Prepare for Reconciliation" (for First Reconciliation), and "We Share in the Eucharist" (for First Communion). The Registration fee of \$100 per child covers the cost of both these resource books, as well as other books and materials that Sr. Christina and her catechetical team will be giving to your children during this program of preparation. While the parish (through the meetings in the attached schedule) and school (through our Grade 2 teachers and the religious education curriculum taught by our Catholic schools) will support you in the instruction of the Sacraments, your participation at home in working through these catechetical books with your child is a critical element of their preparation.

The First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation schedule is as follows:

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

1. Registration Meeting: Wednesday October 1, 2025

Registration from 6:30pm - 7:00pm in the church foyer

Meeting at 7:00pm in the church

We ask that the child and one parent attend the meeting. You will need to provide:

1. Your completed Registration Form (see attached...please complete and bring to meeting)
2. A copy of your child's baptismal certificate (even if they were baptized at St. Clement Parish)
3. \$100 materials fee (cash or cheque please)

2. Preparation for First Reconciliation (October - November 2025)
 - Completion of "We Prepare for Reconciliation" book at home
 - Attendance at each Wednesday 7pm class - see schedule
 - Fr. Tim's visits to Grade 2 classrooms at St. Clement School
3. First Reconciliation Parent and Child Rehearsal (in the church):
Wednesday November 26, 2025 at 7pm Attendance is mandatory.
4. 2024 FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION (child and ONE parent)
Saturday November 29, 2025 10am - 11am
Wednesday December 3, 2025 7pm - 8pm
(Reservation of specific dates to be done by email in early November)
5. Official Enrollment for First Holy Communion:
Saturday January 31, 2026 at 4:45pm Mass
OR Sunday February 1, 2026 at either 9:30am Mass OR 11:30am Mass
6. Preparation for First Communion (February - April 2026)
 - Completion of "We Share in the Eucharist" book at home
 - Attendance at each Wednesday 7pm class - see schedule
 - Fr. Tim's visits to Grade 2 classrooms at St. Clement School
7. First Communion Parent and Child Rehearsal (in the church):
Wednesday April 22, 2026 at 7pm Attendance is mandatory.
8. 2026 FIRST COMMUNION MASSES
Saturday April 25, 2026 4:45pm Mass
Sunday April 26, 2026 9:30am Mass OR 11:30am Mass
(Reservation of specific dates to be done by email in late February)

As parents, teachers, and priests our task is to work together in helping these little ones appreciate and celebrate God's loving mercy through reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and communion in Christ Jesus through the Sacrament of the Eucharist. It is a joyous task. I look forward to seeing you each weekend at either the Saturday evening or Sunday Mass, and especially here at the church on Wednesday October 1st for the registration/information meeting.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Timothy K. Hanley
Pastor