



St. André Bessette

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

September 7, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We look forward to registering your child for their Sacraments of Reconciliation (First Confession) and First Holy Communion.

Registration Process:

This year, the registration process is as follows:

1. Visit our website (www.standrebesette.ca), click on "Sacraments" and then on "First Holy Communion". Fill in the Registration Form – which is a fillable PDF form. Print the form and bring it on Registration Day.
2. Items you must bring on Registration Day:
 - A **copy** of your child's **Baptismal certificate**
 - The registration fee (\$100) payable by cash or cheque (payable to: St. Andre Bessette Parish).

*Please note that the above items **must** be provided in order for your child's Registration to be fully processed.

Registration Day:

Students attending Public, Private or Other Schools are asked to register on Saturday, September 18th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at St. Cecilia CES. Please park in the back parking lot and enter the school from the front doors. Volunteers will guide you. Kindly ensure that you are wearing a mask and that you maintain social distancing protocols.

Blessing Weekend:

Students attending Public, Private or Other Schools are asked to attend Mass on the weekend of **October 16 & 17**. Each child will be asked to stand at their seat and receive a Blessing from Fr. Peter. At the end of the Mass, each child will receive a blessed rosary. (Mass times: Saturday 4 pm & 5 pm and Sunday 10 am, 11 am & 12 pm. Kindly remember that you must register for Mass to attend.

Registering for Weekly Mass

Visit our website (www.standrebesette.ca) and follow the link on the homepage to register for weekly Mass.

Assignment:

Each student is asked to complete an assignment entitled: My Visit With Jesus is due on the weekend of January 15 & 16, 2022. Kindly ensure that you register for Mass accordingly. (Detailed information will be provided at Registration Day)

Reconciliation (First Confession Day):

Students attending Public, Private or Other Schools will receive their First Confession on Thursday, March 24 and Friday, March 25 from 4 pm to 7:30 pm **by appointment only.** You will be able to pick a date and time on Registration Day.

In order for your child to have a complete First Confession, each child will be asked to recite the following prior to their Reconciliation: (kindly arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment time). It is expected that your child will have practiced and memorized these prayers **prior** to their First Confession.

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| Sign of the Cross | Genuflection |
| Hail Mary | Glory Be |
| Our Father | Act of Contrition |

Each child will receive a certificate of completion. To help the children prepare for their Sacrament of Reconciliation, we have posted all of the above prayers on our parish website: www.standrebesette.ca (under the Sacrament page).

First Holy Communion Mass Dates:

This year, children will receive their First Holy Communion with their classmates at St. Joseph the Worker Parish (191 Wade Gate). Each family is allowed to bring a total of ten guests (including the First Communicant). Everyone must comply with health regulations that are mandated at the time of the Sacrament including the wearing of masks, hand sanitizing, etc. Please understand that we are restricted to a specific seating capacity that may not be exceeded. We ask for your continued understanding and support.

Monday, May 2 at 6:30 pm

From time to time, we will email you with suggestions on videos to watch together with your child. Please add the parish email address to your list of contacts so that you will not miss our emails (office@standrebessette.ca) We will also post information on our website under the Sacrament tab, our social media and send the information along through your child's school. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have read the information.

Should you have any questions, feel free to call the parish office at 289-553-1610.

God bless,



Pastor