



Holy Name of Jesus, North Bay

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Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are important moments in the spiritual development of your child. Through these Sacraments your child will first come to know God's forgiveness and loving mercy, and then be able to receive the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ through the Eucharist.

This year, the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be celebrated on **Wednesday, December 11, 2019** after a period of preparation beginning in October. The **Sacrament of First Holy Communion (Eucharist)** will be celebrated on the weekend of **April 18/19, 2020** after a period of preparation beginning in March 2020.

Our parish community invites young people in **Grades 2 and older** to register for these sacraments. By completing a registration form, your child will be registered for **both** sacraments. Preparation for Reconciliation begins **Wednesday, October 23, 2019**. Our Sacraments team is anticipating a faith-filled time with our candidates.

Parents/Guardians play a key role in this time of preparation and are asked to attend these preparation sessions with their child. Should a parent/guardian be unable to attend any specific session, we ask that another caring adult accompany your child. Each candidate is expected to attend all sessions. We are aware that there may be some conflicts with these dates and hope that you can free up your schedule to accommodate these times. If you have any concerns or questions about this, please contact Fr. Daniele. All the dates for both programs are attached.

Registration forms can be filled in and dropped off at the parish office, or they can be given to Fr. Daniele at the weekend Masses. On-line registration is also available through the parish website www.holynamestalphonsus.com.

Each candidate **MUST** provide a **baptismal certificate** with their Registration Form. If your child was baptized at Holy Name of Jesus or St. Alphonsus Liguori, their baptismal record will already be on file at the parish. If your child was baptized at another church (Catholic or otherwise), please make a copy of his or her certificate and include it with the registration form. **Please submit registration forms by October 18, 2019.**

We look forward to the opportunity to journey with you and your child in this time of preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.