

# St. Mary's Church

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Dear Parents of Grade 2, 3, 4 Students,

## **Re: First Reconciliation (Confession)**

The normal practice is the child makes their First Reconciliation before First Communion. There will be a meeting regarding First Reconciliation for **mom's and dad's** on **Wednesday, February 1st**. It will begin with Mass at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting following immediately at 7:30 p.m.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting to avoid the problems of trying to play catch up when your child is preparing for First Communion.

I remind you that our schools do a great job in covering the curriculum for First Communion and First Reconciliation but there is also a role for parents to play. We thank our schools for their great work and for the opportunities they afford us to work them. We look forward to working with our families at this special time.

## **Re: First Communion**

We look forward to working with you to prepare your son and daughter for First Communion.

The process begins by asking a parish team member for an enrolment form before or after the Mass you attend on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. or Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon or 4:00 p.m.

The first celebrations will be in May with many celebrations throughout May, June and July as well as the other months. The normal period of time from submitting the enrolment form to the celebration is a couple of months.

Once you return your completed form, you will be phoned or emailed to attend a meeting for parents regarding First Communion. At that time, the process will be thoroughly discussed.

If your child requires Baptism or Profession of Faith (because they were baptised in a non-Catholic Church), please phone the parish promptly so we can help you with this matter.

Sincerely,

*Fr. Frank*

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Rev. Francis V. McDevitt, Pastor

P.S.: If by chance you misplace this letter it is available on the parish website at [www.stmarysbarrie.com](http://www.stmarysbarrie.com)