St. Boniface Parish

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Dear parents and caregivers,

In our Roman Catholic faith, children in grade two and above are eligible to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Holy Eucharist (Communion) for the first time. It is with great joy that St. Boniface Parish invites your family to join this year's Sacramental Preparation.

As parents and caregivers, you know that *you are your child's first and most important teachers of faith*. Our goal is to walk with you, providing tools and information to help you prepare as a family. We do this through take-home resources, sessions for children and parents/caregivers, and class visits at St. Boniface school.

To begin this journey, we ask that interested families attend our **Information Session on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 6-7 pm at St. Boniface Parish in Maryhill.** We will discuss the Sacraments of Communion and Reconciliation, give an overview of the preparation process, introduce our team, and explain registration. *This and all dates are for the child and parent/caregiver(s) together.* You will find a schedule on the back of this letter of our upcoming sessions and dates for the year.

All children in grade two and above are invited to prepare for these Sacraments. We extend a particular invitation to anyone who may need extra support during this process. We are happy to work with you to offer the accommodations or adaptations your child needs to follow Jesus and prepare for Reconciliation and Communion. If your child has not been baptized, or was baptized into another Christian denomination and would like to become Catholic, please contact the Parish as soon as possible so we can make appropriate arrangements for your child to join us this year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Parish Office, email us, or speak to us at Mass.

Yours in faith,
The Pastoral Team of St. Boniface

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"Dear friends, Christ is God's answer to our human hunger, because his Body is the bread of eternal life: Take this and eat of it, all of you! When we partake of Jesus, the living and true Bread, we live for him." - Pope Leo XIV

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FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST 2027

All dates are at St. Boniface Parish
Children should attend with at least one parent/caregiver

Wednesday, October 7 6-7 pm	Information Session for parents/caregivers and children
Online Registration Due Friday, October 23, 2026: tinyurl.com/BonifaceFHC27 *To help cover the cost of materials and supplies, families are asked to make a $35 contribution to our program. Please bring this to our next session in an envelope labeled with your child's first and last name.* *We can accept cash or cheques made out to St. Boniface Parish.*	
Wednesday, October 28 6-7 pm	Reconciliation Session
Sunday, November 8 11 am	Welcome and Enrollment at Sunday Mass *Children will be called forward during Mass for a special blessing. Please arrive by 10:45 am and check in with Fran, Cindy, or Mary*
Wednesday, November 11 6-7 pm	Reconciliation Session
Saturday, November 21 1-3 pm	First Reconciliation Day of Preparation and Rehearsal
Wednesday, November 25 6 pm	**Celebration of First Reconciliation**
Wednesday, February 24 6-7 pm	Communion Session
Wednesday, March 10 6-7 pm	Communion Session
Wednesday, April 7 6-7 pm	Communion Session
Wednesday, April 28 6-7 pm	First Communion Rehearsal
Sunday, May 2 2 pm	**Mass of First Eucharist**

Questions or concerns? Contact Mary Forcier at mforcier@hamiltondiocese.com