

# ST. PATRICK PARISH / ST. MARY MISSION

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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

The sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist continue the process of initiation as the children mature by growing in their faith following Baptism and culminating with Confirmation. The candidates who will be participating in First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are typically in grade two since theoretically by then they should have some understanding of the Catholic faith. Those parents who have indicated an interest for their children to be enrolled for these sacraments are asked to fill out the Registration Form and include your child's **Catholic Baptismal Certificate**. Please send the completed form and Baptismal Certificate to me as soon as possible by sending it to the Parish Office ([saintpatrick100@gmail.com](mailto:saintpatrick100@gmail.com)), to me ([fr.s.amato@gmail.com](mailto:fr.s.amato@gmail.com)) or to your child's teacher at St. Patrick School. If your child was baptized at St. Patrick's, Railton or St. Mary, Odessa the date of baptism is sufficient since we already have the Baptism on record. If you are attending another Parish and would like your child to make their First Reconciliation and First Communion there, please contact your Parish Priest.

I would like to thank the staff at St. Patrick School for helping the children prepare for these sacraments. However, it is important to note that learning and living these sacraments is not the responsibility of the teachers at the school. **Parents are the essential educators** of their child's upbringing in the Catholic Faith. I want to emphasize that you **participate** in your child's instruction for these sacraments.

Please take time to help them to form a deeper relationship with Jesus. Perhaps utilizing the following: *reading them short Bible stories (at their level of understanding), teaching them prayers, praying with them such as grace before meals and so on. I invite you and your family to participate at Sunday Mass at 11:00am in Railton or on Saturday at 4:30pm in Odessa on a regular basis.* Gathered to worship God as a parish community is the strongest connection since it is where our calling as the Body of Christ helps us to grow with others in our relationship with Jesus.

The benefits of your direct involvement with your child's preparation will be a blessing for you. These include: *a closer relationship and trust between you and your child, the opportunity for you to learn a bit more about your Catholic faith, the questions that your child will ask you may spark a greater interest in your beliefs, and there are many other benefits that you'll discover on your own.*

As we move forward, the children will begin by preparing for First Reconciliation and then will continue with preparation for First Eucharist. I'll have more information regarding how we'll proceed with dates in the next months.

It's always a rewarding experience for me, our parish, and our teachers, to collaborate with you and your child to experience God's love in the preparation to receive Jesus through these Sacraments.

Sincerely in the Lord,



(Fr.) Sebastian Amato

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## First Reconciliation and First Communion 2023 Registration Form

Please Print Clearly

*Our family supports our child by being involved in the preparation  
for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.*

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Year/Month/Day

Postal Address with Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School:  St. Patrick  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please Note: A copy of the Catholic Baptismal Certificate is required for registration. (If baptized at St. Patrick, Railton or at St. Mary, Odessa, the date of Baptism is sufficient.***

Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Parish of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Which parent is the best contact person?  Mother  Father  Both

***Please return the completed form to your child's teacher  
or to Father Amato at [fr.s.amato@gmail.com](mailto:fr.s.amato@gmail.com)  
or the Parish Office at [saintpatrick100@gmail.com](mailto:saintpatrick100@gmail.com)  
as soon as possible. Thank you!***