

# **St. Alphonsus Parish**

## **The Sacrament of First Eucharist 2012**

### **Grade Two**

#### **Parish Session #1**

***Introduction to the Sacrament of First Eucharist***

**Wednesday, January 18, 2012**

7:00p.m. in the church

Parents only

#### **School Catechesis**

In January, teachers will begin Unit 6 in “We Belong to the Lord Jesus, Come Holy Spirit Catechetical Program”.

#### **Ritual #1**

***Rite of Enrolment***

**All liturgies on the weekend of:**

**January 21 / 22, 2012**

The purpose of this celebration is to present to the parish, the children who will be receiving their First Eucharist and Confirmation and to remind parents and the parish community to support the children in their preparation for receiving the Eucharist for the first time. Parents and students will attend one mass this weekend.

Mass times are: Saturday, 5p.m., Sunday, 8:30a.m., 10a.m. and 11:30a.m.

“We Belong to the Lord Jesus” Unit 7 (January / February)

Unit 7: theme 20: “Do this in Memory of Me” – In this unit, the children will continue the reflection and activity around the Eucharistic Prayer. This will help to prepare them for Ritual #2.

#### **Ritual #2**

***Welcoming Children to the Eucharistic Prayer***

**All liturgies on the weekend of:**

**February 25 / 26, 2012**

**Parents and students will be asked to attend one mass this weekend.**

“We Belong to the Lord Jesus” Unit 8 & 9 (February / March)

#### **Parish Session #2**

***An Evening for Parents and Students***

**Wednesday, March 28, 2012**

7:00p.m. in the church

Unit 8: Theme 23: Easter Preparation (March)

Easter Sunday is April 8, 2012

Unit 9: Theme 25: (Tuesday after Easter) Children will share their Easter experiences.

Unit 9: Theme 26: "Come, take and eat". Theme 27: "Jesus is our food and drink". These units will prepare students for the "Presentation of the Bread".

### **Ritual #3**

#### ***Presentation of the Bread***

**All liturgies on the weekend of:**

**March 31 / April 1, 2012**

Parents and students will attend one mass this weekend. Children present the bread to the parish.

Unit 9: Theme 27: "Jesus is our food and drink", will prepare students to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist. *Units are not necessarily done in order – units are completed according to a schedule appropriate to the timing of the rituals and the teacher's discretion. As Easter can move quite a bit from year to year it is necessary to adjust the units appropriately.*

#### **Retreat:**

##### **In the Parish hall**

Thursday, April 12, 2012 (9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m.). Students will need to bring a morning snack and lunch.

#### **Receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist**

Students will need to bring their "Certificate of Readiness" and give it to the Celebrant just prior to the Liturgy.

**Week One** – Saturday, April 21 at 5:00p.m., and Sunday, April 22 at 10:00a.m.

**Week Two** – Saturday, April 28 at 5:00p.m. and Sunday, April 29 at 10:00a.m.

Students will receive the Eucharist with their families at a mass on either of the above weekends.

#### **Celebration Mass**

Pentecost Sunday – **May 27, 2012**. All students are invited to participate in all the masses. The 10:00 Family Mass will be dedicated to recognizing all who have received their sacraments. Please plan to attend one mass this weekend.