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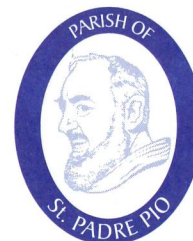
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Dear Parents,

As we are still in the middle of a pandemic and are not sure when things will return to normal, the First Communions for the present Grade 2 children will have to go ahead in a limited way.

Because of the church capacity and social distancing rules, only a small number of children at a time may take part in the Mass. This would also include 9 guests for each child including parents.

In our parish we have a large number of children for First Communion so we will need at least 8 Masses. We cannot have extra Masses on a Sunday, as we now have at least 2 – 3 Baptism ceremonies every month. To accommodate all these children and their families, we have to have the First Communion Masses on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m., and on Saturdays at 12:00 noon.

These Masses would be very simple – no singing (as per the Archdiocese), no lectors, no offertory procession and no group photos (as per the Archdiocese). So, the following dates have been set for Pope Francis School.

Tuesday March 2, 2021 – Ms. Mavilla's class at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 6, 2021 – Ms. Santagato-Bertola's class at 12:00 noon

Saturday, March 13, 2021 – Ms. Caporiccio's class at 12:00 noon

Please disregard any dates that were published in the Parish Bulletin or on the Parish website. Also please note, that if there is another lockdown, the dates will have to be changed again.

Children may wear their First Communion dresses and suits but should not be wearing gloves or have anything else in their hands. Everyone, including the children should be wearing masks for the whole celebration.

There will not be any reserved seating. When the families arrive, ushers will help seat them. The child will sit at the end of the pew, closest to the centre aisle, with their parents beside them. If the other family members and guests are in the same social bubble, they may sit beside the parents. The entire pew will be taken up by only that one family.

The Mass will last about 30 minutes. At the end of the Mass, the pews need to be vacated immediately, a team for the parish will be coming in to sanitize the pews. This will also give you time to have a celebration at home unless you are going to have a larger get-together on the following weekend.

In regards to First Reconciliation, the children's confessions will be heard at the school a week prior to their First Communion.

This is a very difficult time and we are trying our best to serve the need of our children and their families. I look forward to celebrating your child's First Communion.

Rev. Monsignor Gregory Ace