

THE SHEPHERDS WALKING STICK

It's been finalized that the First Communion for the kids will be held on August 15, Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady during the 11 AM Mass. The deadline for parents to sign-up their kids is August 5. In the morning of August 7 (Saturday), there will be a mini-retreat for the 1st Communicants. Again, I would like to reiterate that only those kids who have began the sacramental preparation before the lockdowns can join. More importantly, they must have been instructed by their parents themselves and know by heart the most fundamental – basic prayers (The Apostles Creed, the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be and the Act of Contrition), the Commandments, how to go to Confession..... While we are on the topic of sacramental preparation, I would like to exhort everybody to strive to receive Holy Communion worthily every time. The best way to do that is to go to Confession, otherwise known as the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The regular schedule for Confession in our parish is every Saturday from 4 PM to 5 PM and Sunday from 6 PM to 7PM. There is no need for prior appointment; I will be waiting inside the confessional during these times..... If you are attending Sunday Mass and you want to have an intention said during that Mass, you may personally hand me the filled up intention envelope. I'll try to accommodate it if possible. So, don't drop your intention envelope straight into the box or there will be no chance of your intention being said at the Mass you are attending.