



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Dear Parents/Guardians & Children,

On behalf of the Parish Staff and the Blessed Sacrament Church Community, it is my pleasure to invite you to register your son/daughter for the celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

We are pleased to be able to assist you as you prepare your child(ren) for reception of these Sacraments. These are two very special moments in the spiritual journey of your son/daughter. In these Sacraments they come to meet Jesus, the one who loves, forgives and feeds them. Since the Sacraments are the centre of our faith lives as Catholics, it is important that we help our children to develop a great love and respect for these gifts from the very beginning. As Parents who baptized your child, you *promised to raise “them in the practice of the faith ... to bring them up to keep God’s commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbour.”* (Rite of Baptism) Preparing them well for these two Sacraments is part of this task that God has entrusted to you.

We will host a meeting for all Parents/Guardians. It is very important that you attend this meeting as the outline of the First Communion program as well as dates, times and protocols for the celebrations of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion will be given at this meeting.

PARENT MEETINGS

SCHOOL	DATE & TIME
Blessed Sacrament	Tuesday, January 18, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
MSGR Haller	Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
John Sweeney	Tuesday, January 25, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
OLO Grace	Wednesday, February 2, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

If you wish to present your child for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion, please complete the following registration form and return it to Blessed Sacrament Church by **January 14, 2022.** It can be returned by mail, collection basket at Mass, at the Church office during office hours or in the rectory mailbox on the front porch of the house. * Please note, only children who are pre-

registered will have a package ready at the Parent Meeting so please get them in by the 14th of January.

Preparing your child for Penance and the Eucharist should not be a difficult or onerous undertaking. Your child's teachers do a lot of work to ensure that your child is academically ready for these Sacraments. **Your role as parents and guardians is to put that teaching into practice in your family life. It is your example that will best prepare your child for the gift of forgiveness and Communion. If your child sees Mom and Dad praying, going to Communion, seeking forgiveness from God and others, they will quickly learn to do the same. Our Catholic Faith is something that is meant to be lived each and everyday of our lives. Hopefully, in preparing your child for these two great Sacraments, your own faith will be enlivened.**

The best way to prepare is to regularly attend and participate in Sunday Mass.

Keep in mind that while your child's school will be helpful in preparing your child for Reconciliation and First Communion, the Sacraments will be administered at Blessed Sacrament Parish. ***Please do not assume that because your child is in grade 2, that he or she is automatically enrolled for the Sacraments.***

I pray that the coming months of preparation for the Sacraments will be a time of great grace and blessings for your child and your entire family. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Meeting.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Lawrence Parent, Pastor

Please provide us with this information when registering:

- First Sacraments Registration Form**
- Copy of Baptism Certificate – If your child was NOT baptized at Blessed Sacrament Parish**

*** If your child is not yet baptized or is baptized in a Christian faith other than Catholic and you wish for them to formally enter into the Catholic Church and receive these first Sacraments, please contact Blessed Sacrament Parish office at 519-742-5061 before the Parent Meeting.**

FIRST SACRAMENTS REGISTRATION FORM

Please take the time to **print clearly**, print this page and attach a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate. You can email, Mail or drop off in the mail box at the church by:

January 14, 2022

Student's Name _____
Last First

Student's Baptism Information _____
Date of Baptism Religion/Rite of Baptism

Church of Baptism

Complete Mailing Address of Church of Baptism

School: Our Lady of Grace John Sweeney Msgr. Haller Blessed Sacrament

Other _____
Name of School

Father's Name _____
First Last Religion/Rite

Mother's Name _____
First Last (BEFORE marriage) Religion/Rite

Complete Mailing Address _____

City

Postal Code

Phone Number

Email

If your child's baptism was in a church other than
Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener,
a copy of the baptism certificate **MUST** accompany this application.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____