



The Parish of Saint Christopher

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General Information for Parents

First Holy Communion and Reconciliation are continued part of your child's journey of faith. As you look back on your child's baptism and forwards to their confirmation and active participation in the life of the church, it is our hope to accompany you. We desire to prepare your child to understand and appreciate the depth of love Christ shows them (and us) in the healing sacrament of Reconciliation and in the gift of His very self in the most Holy Eucharist.

We encourage you, as the parents, and primary educators of the faith, to be involved at Sunday Mass, Parish life, in each of the activities and family assignments, and to foster family conversations at home, based on faith. We also hope that you will reflect on your journey as parents, and renew your commitment to continue grow your faith, love your children well and guide them as they grow in their own faith.

This renewed commitment involves developing a genuine desire to participate in the Eucharist and the sacramental life of the Church.

Parent Responsibilities:

For our children to grow in their faith, it is vital that we as parents -

- Understand our own faith
- Are growing in our relationship with God
- Are living out the faith and setting a living example for our children.
- Understand and explain the importance of the sacraments to our children and share our own experiences so that our children understand the sacraments on a personal level.
- Support our children to attend Holy Mass and scheduled sacramental preparation.
- REGISTRATION TAKES PLACE **AFTER ALL MASSES** ON SEPT 23, 24, 25, OCT 1, 7, & 8. Forms will not be accepted in the parish office.

The Church will provide support for your journey with your child in the form of online resources given throughout the year. This Information Packet is meant to be informative and to assist Candidates and their parents in the preparation for this Sacrament.

First Reconciliation: Wednesday, February 7 – 6 pm

First Holy Communion: Sat. June 1st – 5pm; Sunday, June 2nd – 8:30am, 10am, 12pm

Should you have any questions of concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Levy Anne Ramos at lramos@archtoronto.org

First Reconciliation & Holy Communion Preparation Timeline

DATE	CLASS/ACTIVITY
Monday September 18 & Tuesday September 19 (7pm)	Parent Information Meeting For 1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion
September 23, 24, 30 October 1, 7, 8	Registration after ALL MASSES (Vestibule)
September 26, 27, 28 October 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 (5 pm – 7 pm)	Family Meet & Greet (Register online for your family's time slot, meeting in Parish Office)
Tuesday November 14 & Wednesday November 15 (6 pm – 7:30 pm)	FRHC Class One (Hall)
Tuesday November 28 & Wednesday November 29 (6 pm – 7:30 pm)	FRHC Class Two (Hall)
Tuesday December 12 & Wednesday December 13 (6 pm – 7:30 pm)	FRHC Class Three (Hall)
Tuesday January 9 & Wednesday January 10 (6 pm – 7:30 pm)	FRHC Class Four (Hall)
Tuesday January 23 & Wednesday January 24 (6 pm – 7:30 pm)	FRHC Class Five (Hall & Church) (With Parents)
Wednesday February 7 (6 pm – 8:00 pm)	First Reconciliation Liturgy (Church) (With Parents)
Tuesday February 20 & Wednesday February 21 (6 pm – 7:30 pm)	FRHC Class Six (Hall & Church)
Tuesday March 5 & Wednesday March 6 (6 pm – 7:30 pm)	FRHC Class Seven (Hall & Church)

Tuesday April 2 & Wednesday April 3 (6 pm – 7:30 pm)	FRHC Class Eight (Hall)
Tuesday April 16 & Wednesday April 17 (6 pm – 7:30 pm)	FRHC Class Nine (Hall)
Tuesday April 30 & Wednesday May 1 (6 pm – 7:30 pm)	FRHC Class Ten (Hall)
Tuesday May 14 & Wednesday May 15 (6 pm – 7:30 pm)	FRHC Class Eleven (Hall)
Tuesday May 28 & Wednesday May 29 (6 pm – 7:30 pm)	Rehearsal (Church) (With Parents)
Saturday June 1 (5 pm) Sunday June 2 (8:30 am, 10 am, 12 pm)	1st Communion Celebration (Church)

First Communion Prayers

Note: Please practice these prayers with your child everyday. Those prayers marked with an asterisk (*) are expected to be memorized.

The Sign of the Cross*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer* Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us, this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary* Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Angel of God Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love entrusts me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Prayer before Meals (daily) Bless us, O Lord, and these, Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Confiteor/I Confess... (Pray often)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my

brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

The Apostle's Creed (pray often)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell, and on the third day, He arose from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Act of Contrition (We will use with our candidates) Dear God, I am sorry for all my sins. I am sorry for the wrong things I have done. I am sorry for all the good things I have failed to do. I will do better with your help. Amen.

Act of Contrition O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishment, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy Grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

St. Christopher Catholic Church
2023-2024 First Reconciliation & Holy Communion Registration Form

Child's Information **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Full legal name:			
_____		_____	
First Name	Middle Name(s)	Last Name	
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Date of Birth: _____		City of Birth: _____	
Church of Baptism: _____		Date of Baptism: _____	
School Currently Attending: _____		Teacher & Grade: _____	

Family Information

<u>Mother</u> (full legal name & maiden name)			
_____		_____	
First Name	Middle Name(s)	Last Name	Maiden Name
Religion: <input type="checkbox"/> Roman Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> None			
Present Address: _____			
Street		City/Town	Postal Code
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a parent of, or have legal custody of the child.			
<u>Father</u> (full legal name)			
_____		_____	
First Name	Middle Name(s)	Last Name	
Religion: <input type="checkbox"/> Roman Catholic <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> None			
Present Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Same as mother's <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a parent of, or have legal custody of the child.			
<u>Siblings</u> (please list first name(s) and age(s))			

Contact Information* (please print carefully) * *Both emails will be used in communications unless otherwise indicated or left blank.*

<u>Mother</u>	
Email: _____	Phone: _____
<u>Father</u>	
Email: _____	Phone: _____

Declaration and Consent

I, the undersigned, declare that the information on this form is true and accurate. I further understand that by registering my child in the program I will participate in all required activities.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Administration

☐ Completed Registration Form

Notes/Remarks

☐ Baptismal Certificate

☐ Meet & Greet Scheduled

☐ Program Fee (\$100.00)

Date of Registration: _____

Date of First Communion: _____

***Please note we will not accept pictures of cropped images of the registration form.**