

St. Mary Immaculate Church

Established in 1857

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Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary Immaculate Catholic Church. I hope you are ok, safe and healthy. Even though we are in pandemic we would love to prepare your child for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Sacraments are the foundation of life in the Catholic Church. We want to bring that life to your child.

Congratulations! Your child is beginning the journey in which he/she joins your family and God's family at the Lord's Table for the first time.

When children are baptized in the Catholic Church, parents take on the responsibility of raising them in the practice of the faith by keeping God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. This is an important year of preparation for your family as your child prepares to receive both the **Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist (First Holy Communion)**. The best preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion that you can give your child is **REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT MASS**.

The registration form, which is attached to this letter, must be handed in to the Parish no later than **November 15, 2020**. You may drop it off through the mail slot of the Parish office door or at Mass in the weekly offertory basket. Please include a copy of your child's baptismal certificate as this is absolutely necessary for registration as well as \$75.00 registration fee in a sealed envelope.

Children attending catholic schools will receive instruction through the school's religious program in preparing them for the Sacraments and are not required to take Catechism classes.

If your child attends private or public school, they are expected to attend Catechism classes. Under normal circumstances, Catechism classes were held in the Parish hall on Sundays. However, this year due to COVID-19 classes will be held virtually via the Parish zoom account **Sunday mornings from 9:45 am – 10:45 am beginning in January 2021**.

At this time, we remain with great uncertainty about the pandemic's direction and therefore are unable to provide specific dates of when the classes will begin or when the Sacraments can be celebrated. We will keep you posted.

As your Pastor, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of these occasions both for the children and for our parish family as they take another step toward their full initiation as members of the Church.

Let us assist our young people with our prayers as they prepare to receive our Lord in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Wishing your family the richness of God's many blessings during this time of preparation, I am,

Stay safe and healthy.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Pawel Zborowski
Pastor

2020-21 First Holy Communion Registration Form

Please complete this form and return it to the parish by **November 15, 2020**

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)



School Information

Name of School: _____	Grade & Teacher: _____
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Parish Information

Name of Parish: <u>St. Mary Immaculate Church</u>	City: <u>Richmond Hill</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> I currently live within the territorial boundaries of the parish.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I currently do not live within the territorial boundaries of the parish, but I am formally registered at the parish.	

Child's Information ******attach a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate to this form******

Full legal name of child: (Please ensure the name below matches the one shown on the baptism certificate)		
_____	_____	_____
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: _____	
Address of Baptismal Church: _____		

Parent's Information

<u>Mother</u> (Full legal name & Maiden Name)			
_____	_____	_____	_____
First Name	Middle Name(s)	Last Name	(Maiden Name)
Religion: <input type="checkbox"/> Roman Catholic	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> None	
Present Address: _____			
_____		_____	_____
Street		City	Postal Code
Phone: _____	Email: _____		
<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	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> None	
Present Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Same as mother's			
_____		_____	_____
Street		City	Postal Code
Phone: _____	Email: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a parent of, or have legal custody of the child.			

Declaration

I, the undersigned, declare that the information on this form is true and accurate. I authorize by my signature below, for my child to participate in the classes, if necessary, via the Parish zoom account.	
Name (PLEASE PRINT): _____	
Signature: _____	Date: _____