

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Registration Information for First Reconciliation and First Communion 2023-2024

Dear Parents,

I hope you and yours are all well!

Please see the details of the First Reconciliation/First Communion Sacramental Preparation Program below.

If you have any questions, please contact **Ahmie** at firstcommunion@sorrows.ca.

Eligibility

To be eligible to prepare for and receive a sacrament at Our Lady of Sorrow Parish, participants and their families must fulfill three conditions:

1. Regularly attend Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.
2. The family should be registered parishioners of OLS Church (*Note: Registration at OLS School or family history of sacraments received at OLS Parish do not constitute parish registration*).
3. Parents and children must participate in the relevant aspects of the preparation program outlined below.

If your family does not regularly attend Sunday Mass at OLS Church and/or is not officially registered with a parish, you are welcome to register with the parish at this time and begin attending regularly. All other families should, at their earliest convenience, contact the parish nearest their home or the parish they regularly attend for information on sacramental preparation.

Children who do not attend a Catholic school are also required to be enrolled in the parish's Religious Education Program. This is a seven-year program (grade 1 to grade 7) that follows the religious education curriculum set by the TCDSB. See information available on the parish website regarding registration for the parish's Religious Education Program.

Registration for both Religious Education (required for children not registered in a Catholic School) and Sacramental Preparation (for all children preparing for sacraments)
closes for 2023-2024 on Tuesday October 31, 2023.

Sacramental Preparation Program

Resource books will be distributed at the Sacramental Prep Teaching Mass.

The in-person catechetical sessions (for the candidates only) aim to support parent-child preparation for the sacraments in their work at home with the resource.

Candidates will be divided into Group A & Group B alphabetically. Parents will be advised of their child's group before November 7th by email.

The Schedule for the preparation program follows:

Teaching Mass For Candidates and their family	Sun Nov 26, 2023	Group A	3 pm	Church
	Sun Dec 3, 2023	Group B		
Session 1	Sun Dec 10, 2023	Group A	2 pm-2:45 pm	Hall
	Sun Dec 17, 2023	Group B		
Session 2	Sun Jan 14, 2024	Group A	2 pm-2:45 pm	Hall
	Sun Jan 21, 2024	Group B		
First Confession	Sun Jan 28, 2024	Group A	2 pm-2:45 pm	Church
	Sun Feb 4, 2024	Group B		
Session 3	Sun Feb 11, 2024	Group A	2 pm-2:45 pm	Hall
	Sun Feb 25, 2024	Group B		
Session 4	Sun Mar 3, 2024	Group A	2 pm-2:45 pm	Hall
	Sun Mar 24, 2024	Group B		

First Communion Masses

The First Communion Mass dates are as follows:

Sunday April 14 Sunday, April 21 Sunday April 28 & Sunday May 5, 2024

All Masses are at 3 pm.

Candidates will be assigned their First Communion date by Nov 7th, 2023 by email.

May God bless your family as you prepare for this milestone in your child's journey of faith!

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2023-2024 First Reconciliation/First Communion Sacramental Preparation Registration

Family Name	
Child's Given Names	
Full Home Address	
Home Telephone	
Father's Full Name	Religion:
Father's cell	Father's email (print clearly):
Mother's Full Name	Religion:
Mother's cell	Mother's email (print clearly):
Parish where you normally Worship on Sunday	
School	
Signature of Parent/Guardian	I have read and kept a copy of the Registration Information. Date: _____.
Child's date of baptism	
Church of baptism	
Address-church of baptism	

In an envelope marked FIRST COMMUNION drop off the complete registration package through the mail slot located at the front door of the rectory by Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023.

The complete package includes:

- 1. This completed Registration Form.**
- 2. A legible photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate.**
- 3. \$75 registration fee (cash, credit card or cheque only, e-transfers are not accepted.)**