

Registration Information for First Reconciliation and First Communion 2022-2023

Dear Parents,

I hope you and yours are all well!

Please see the details of the First Reconciliation and First Communion Sacramental Preparation program below. If you have any questions, please contact gabriella@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. 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).
2. Regularly attend Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church
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 regarding the parish's Religious Education Program can be found on the parish website.

Registration for both Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation closes for 2022/2023 on October 31, 2022.

Sacramental Preparation Program

The program is founded on the following resource books: "We Prepare for Reconciliation" and "We Share in the Eucharist" (Novalis). Parents are asked to work on the content of these

books at home with their children. Books will be distributed at the Sacramental Prep Opening Mass and Enrolment Ceremony on Sun., Dec. 4th at 3 pm.

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 and will be advised of their group before Dec. 4, 2022 by email.

The Schedule for the preparation program follows:

Opening Mass & Enrolment Ceremony for candidates and their family	Group A & Group B	Sun., Dec. 4, 2022	3 pm Resource books to be distributed after Mass.
Session 1	Group A	Sun., Jan. 8, 2023	2 pm to 3 pm In the parish hall Please enter through the west door.
	Group B	Sun., Jan. 22, 2023	
Session 2	Group A	Sun., Feb. 5, 2023	
	Group B	Sun., Feb. 26, 2023	
Session 3	Group A	Sun., Mar. 5, 2023	
	Group B	Sun., Mar. 26, 2023	
Session 4	Group A	Sun., April 2, 2023	
	Group B	Sun., April 16, 2023	

Dates for First Reconciliation and First Communion Masses

The First Reconciliation date is Saturday, March 25th from 9:30 am to 5 pm.

The First Communion Mass dates are as follows:
 Sunday April 23, Sunday, April 30, Sunday May 7 & Sunday June 11. All Masses are at 3 pm.

Candidates will be assigned their First Communion date by December 4, 2022.

Please submit your registration form, child’s Certificate of Baptism and the \$50 registration fee (cash or check) by October 31, 2022 by placing it in the mail slot of the rectory front door.

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

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

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2022-2023 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, 2022.

The complete package includes: 1. This completed registration form

2. a legible photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate

3. \$50 registration fee (cash or cheque), e-transfers not accepted