



Saint Matthew Catholic Parish

Celebration of Cancelled First Holy Communions **2020/2021 Academic and Pastoral Year**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for presenting your child for the celebration of First Holy Communion again this year. Last year's hard work and preparation have not been lost, and the time has come to invite those families who are ready to celebrate this important milestone. While the liturgies themselves and many of the practices surrounding them may seem different due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the pastoral team at Saint Matthew Parish is committed to facilitating a joyous moment for your family, all the while protecting your health and that of our community.

Here are some key steps to mark along the way:

- **STEP 1: Re-Register Your Child**

Re-Registration is being done primarily via Google Forms. If you haven't already, visit our parish website (saintmatthew.ca) or use the link below to complete and submit the form. If your child participated in sacramental preparation last year, there is no need to re-submit baptismal records. *If you must use a paper form to register your child, you will find one on the back of the list of dates for the celebration of First Communion, it must be submitted to the parish office (or one of the deposit boxes located outside the main entrances of the church).*

<https://tinyurl.com/saintmatthewfc2020>

- **STEP 2: Attend or Participate in One of our Information Meetings**

Because the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is unpredictable, and because some families are choosing to exercise caution around public gatherings, the parish has scheduled three Information Meetings, open to parents and caregivers of any student registered to participate. *Attendance or online participation at one of these meetings is strongly recommended.* Those attending in person are required to register in advance at:

www.saintmatthew.eventbrite.ca

If you are more comfortable participating from home (via Zoom), please follow the instructions on our parish website or use one of the links below to register:

Wednesday, September 23, 2020: <https://tinyurl.com/fcfinalsep23>

Thursday, September 24, 2020: <https://tinyurl.com/fcfinalsep24>

Sunday, September 27, 2020: <https://tinyurl.com/fcfinalsep27>



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- **STEP 3: Select and Register to Attend a Celebration of First Communion**
Once you have re-registered your child to participate, you will receive by email information about selecting and registering to attend a celebration of First Communion. These celebrations are allocated by school, and each will include a *maximum of 15 First Communicants*. Scheduling liturgies in this way allows the parish to permit each family to attend the church in a *party of up to ten individuals (including your child)*. Information about how to register for these celebrations will also be distributed at the Final Preparation Meeting and will be available in the Sacramental Preparation section of our parish website.
- **STEP 6: Celebrate First Communion**
The celebration of First Communion is always a joyous occasion in the life of a child and his/her family. *Because photography before, during, and after the liturgy will not be permitted (due to public health restrictions on the use of the worship space), the parish will offer livestreaming of all First Communion liturgies.* Further information will be made available at the Final Information Meetings.

Please know that the Pastoral Team at St. Matthew Parish is always available to you and your family if further assistance or clarification is needed. ***All questions and inquiries regarding the sacraments are properly directed to the parish office, not your child's school. Please do not submit any forms or requests to your child's teacher.*** To guarantee access to the most up-to-date information, check our parish website (saintmatthew.ca) regularly. May God bless your family with an abundance of his grace during this special time.

Rev. Allen Varlaki
Pastor

Rev. Paul Edmondstone
Associate Pastor

St. Matthew Parish
Rescheduled First Communion Celebrations
2019/2020 Academic/Pastoral Year Cohort

St. Matthew School

Wednesday, September 30, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Thursday, October 1, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Friday, October 2, 2020 – 7:00 PM

St. Mary School

Monday, October 19, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Wednesday, October 21, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Thursday, October 22, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Friday, October 23, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Saturday, October 24, 2020 – 10:00 AM
Sunday, October 25, 2020 – 2:00 PM

St. Teresa of Calcutta School

Wednesday, October 28, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Thursday, October 29, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Friday, October 30, 2020 – 7:00 PM

St. Joan of Arc School

Monday, November 2, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Wednesday, November 4, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Thursday, November 5, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Friday, November 6, 2020 – 7:00 PM

St. John Paul II School

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Thursday, November 12, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Friday, November 13, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Saturday, November 14, 2020 – 10:00 AM

St. Bernadette School

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Thursday, November 19, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Friday, November 20, 2020 – 7:00 PM

Public & Private Schools

Saturday, October 31, 2020 – 10:00 AM
Saturday, November 21, 2020 – 10:00 AM



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FIRST COMMUNION RE-REGISTRATION FORM

CANDIDATE'S INFORMATION

Name			
Surname (Family Name)		Given Name(s)	
Address			
Unit/Apt.#	Street	Town/City	Postal Code
Parent/Caregiver Phone		Parent/Caregiver Email	
Catholic Elementary School:			
<input type="checkbox"/> St. Matthew	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Bernadette	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Teresa of Calcutta	
<input type="checkbox"/> St. John Paul II	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Joan of Arc	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Mary	
Other School:			

PARENT INFORMATION

Father's Name			
Surname (Family Name)		Given Name(s)	
Father's Religious Affiliation			
<input type="checkbox"/> Roman Catholic	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern-Rite Catholic	<input type="checkbox"/> Orthodox Christian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Catholic Christian	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Christian		
Mother's (Maiden) Name			
Surname (Family Name)		Given Name(s)	
Mother's Religious Affiliation			
<input type="checkbox"/> Roman Catholic	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern-Rite Catholic	<input type="checkbox"/> Orthodox Christian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Catholic Christian	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Christian		