

ST. VERONICA'S CHURCH



First Reconciliation and First Communion

Greetings Parents and Guardians,

We as a Parish family over the last few years have been adapting and changing our process of celebrating sacraments so that both candidates and parents are able to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. This process is called evangelization and our Parish motto is “growth through hospitality and evangelization”.

This means that things are done differently here at St. Veronica's than we have done in the past. This year we are very proud and happy to offer you the following process for your children. **If you wish your family to be part of this engaging experience, please follow the registration process.**

Our First Reconciliation and First Communion program begins with our Parish Mission on Monday October 21st., at 7:00 PM, and Tuesday October 22nd. at 7:00 PM. Our speaker is Ken Yasinski who is a famous and popular Catholic speaker. He is married with four children. We would like to invite you, the parents, and **ALL** your children to attend.

While parents attend the Parish Mission in the church, First Reconciliation/First Communion candidates will meet with their catechists in a separate room to begin their preparation for First Reconciliation. We are also having our Confirmation families present as well.

Child Care will be provided at the Parish Mission and at the follow-up meetings for any of your children who aren't preparing for sacraments. They will be properly supervised by qualified and screened adults.

There will be 6 follow-up video sessions for parents from Ken Yasinski. The children during these videos will follow their own program in a separate room

The 6 follow-up meetings will begin with a home-cooked dinner for everyone, at 6:00 PM in the Father Dan Zorzi hall. This free dinner is prepared by volunteers from our parish.

We will need to know in advance if anyone in your family has a food allergy and the ages of your children, other than the candidate(s), who will be attending. **You can give us this information when you fill out the registration form.**

Immediately following the dinner, everyone will be divided into groups for their individual sessions: Parents and guardians, sacramental prep candidates and children for Child Care.

Our evenings will and at 8 PM.

REGISTRATION

If you are interested but your candidate has not yet been baptized, it's possible to prepare for this sacrament as well. Please contact us *immediately* to pursue the possibility of having your child enter the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is a **pre-requisite** to all the other sacraments.

If you aren't already a registered member of St. Veronica's parish, and wish to become a member, please see Father Ron after any weekend Mass

Process

1. If interested, please complete the online registration form below. A copy of your child's **Baptism Certificate** must be included with the online registration form
2. As well, please scan and send **a recent picture** of your child with the registration form. These will be displayed at the entrance of the church.
3. Due to the cost of the First Reconciliation/First Communion materials, we ask the families to help share part of the cost of the program and resources by donating.
A donation of \$30.00 is requested, **if you can**, and be sent by following the donation page on below the registration form that you fill out. An income tax receipt will be issued immediately for this.
- 4) The registration form, attachments and donation are to be completed by **October 9th, 2019 (deadlines are firm)**.

Attendance at Mass is an integral part of the preparation process.

There will also be a **Rite of Enrolment** for First Reconciliation and First Communion, which allows the community to accept your children as they prepare for the sacraments.

Please review the dates of the meetings and times. **Attendance at ALL meetings and activities is required. Exceptions are for emergencies only.**

DATES FOR the PARISH MISSION & FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION MEETINGS

Parish Mission is October 21 and 22nd Monday and Tuesday 7:00- 8:00

First Reconciliation Enrolment is Sunday, October 27th. at 11:00 Mass.

VIDEO SERIES AND SACRAMENTAL PREP MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 30 – Dinner at 6:00.

Meeting - 7:00-8:00

Wednesday, November 6 – Dinner at 6:00.

Meeting - 7:00-8:00

Thursday November 7 – First Reconciliation Ritual

7:00 – 8:00

Wednesday, November 13 – Dinner at 6:00

Meeting - 7:00-8:00

Wednesday, November 20 – Dinner at 6:00

Meeting - 7:00-8:00

Wednesday, November 27 - Dinner at 6:00

Meeting - 7:00-8:00

Wednesday, December 4 – Dinner at 6:00

Meeting - 7:00-8:00

First Communion – Sunday, December 8, 2019

11:00 Mass

If you have any questions or concerns, please email veronicassm@shaw.ca or call Fran Boyle at (705) 253-9411 Tues.-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to being with your family as your candidate prepares to celebrate First Communion and Reconciliation.

Mrs. Fran Boyle,

Sacrament Coordinator