



## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the Parish Community of St. Mary of the Visitation, it is my pleasure to invite you to prepare your child to celebrate God's merciful love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to be nourished with the Bread of Life for the first time in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Due to the pandemic, we are not able to hold a parent gathering as we have in the past. Instead, **all registration must be completed online**. Beginning on Monday, November 16, please visit the parish website: [www.stmaryhespeler.ca](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca) and complete the online form found under 'Sacraments – First Communion'. You will be required to provide a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate if he/she was *not* baptized at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish. (There is no registration fee this year as we are not able to host a student retreat). Please complete this first step of registration by Friday, December 4, 2020.

Preparation for these sacraments will look much different than in previous years. In addition to the preparation received through the Religious Education in your child's class, the parish will be providing various online video and print resources. Further details will be provided following registration. Please keep in mind, as a parent or caregiver, you also have a very important role in the religious education of your child, and I look forward to collaborating with you in the important task of preparing your child to meet the Lord in these two Sacraments of God's mercy and love.

Yours In Christ,

Fr. Robert Love  
Pastor

*\*Please see next page for scheduled dates.*

## **CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION**

Parents and children are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the following Saturday mornings:

Saturday, February 20, 2021 *For students of Our Lady of Fatima*

Saturday, February 27, 2021 *For students of St. Gabriel*

Saturday, March 6, 2021 *For students of St. Elizabeth*

*Students of St. Isidore may join their home school. Students of public schools may select a date.* Parents will be asked to register for a time on their designated date starting in January 2021.

## **CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

First Holy Communion Masses will be grouped by school:

**Our Lady of Fatima**      Saturday, April 10 at 10:00 a.m.  
Saturday, April 10 at 1:00 p.m.  
Sunday, April 11 at 1:00 p.m.

**St. Gabriel**              Saturday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m.  
Saturday, April 17 at 1:00 p.m.  
Sunday, April 18 at 1:00 p.m.

**St. Elizabeth**            Saturday, April 24 at 10:00 a.m.  
Saturday, April 24 at 1:00 p.m.  
Sunday, April 25 at 1:00 p.m.

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