



BLESSED FRÉDÉRIC OZANAM PARISH

With hands and hearts we serve you

October 5, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all safe and well. Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Fr. Rick, and I am the newly appointed priest Administrator of Blessed Ozanam Parish. When it's safe to do so, I look forward to meeting you in person and getting to know you. In the meantime, if there's anything I can do to help and support you and your family during these challenging times, please let me know.

Earlier this year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our Confirmation celebrations had to be cancelled. Families across the Archdiocese have been patiently waiting for the green light to celebrate their child's Confirmation.

We are pleased to inform you that our Confirmation celebrations will take place at:

**St. Mark's Church
345 Glad Park Avenue
Stouffville, ON**

To comply with the protocols and social distancing restrictions outlined in the WorshipSafe Guidelines by the Archdiocese of Toronto, we will need to limit attendance to (4) per family, which would include the candidate, parents, and sponsor only. We are not able to accommodate extended family members including siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, godparents, and friends. We are looking at the possibility of LIVESTREAMING the Confirmation celebration so that your extended family can join us as we celebrate this joyous moment in your child's life.

The first step is to have a family discussion regarding your child's participation in the Confirmation Mass. Your child will be scheduled to attend one mass date and time on a Saturday in mid-late November, at St. Mark's Parish. Understanding and respecting that not all parents may be comfortable celebrating the Sacrament at this time given COVID-19, we need to know what you prefer. Please keep in mind that only the child receiving the sacrament plus their parents and sponsor can be in attendance.



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There are two options available to you.

Option 1 - Your child will celebrate their Confirmation at St. Mark's on a Saturday in mid-late November.

Option 2 – You defer to a future date, not yet determined.

Once your decision has been made, please follow the instructions below by completing the online form. By completing the online form, you are indicating your choice. We respect the difficulty and sensitivity of the decision ahead of you and fully support what you believe to be best for your child and family.

Note: Do not respond to this email. We can only accept the online form you submit so that we have a written copy of your decision.

Steps to access the form on the website.

1. Go to Blessed Frédéric Ozanam's Parish website: www.blessedoanam.ca.
2. Click on the CONFIRMATIONS 2019-2020 button on the home page.
3. Enter the password: **Sacrament** and click submit.
4. Read the instructions, complete the form, and click submit.
5. The deadline for submission of the form is **Saturday, October 10th, 2020**. It is important you communicate your decision by the deadline. We need to finalize the number of families so we can assign a mass time and provide more detailed information.

Once we receive your decision regarding your child's Confirmation, we will contact you with further important information and specific details.

God bless,

Fr. Rick Davis and the Catechetical Team