



BLESSED FRÉDÉRIC OZANAM PARISH

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September 26, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all safe and well.

Earlier this year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our First Communion celebrations had to be cancelled. Families across the Archdiocese have been patiently waiting for the green light to celebrate First Communions.

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

**St. Patrick's Church
5633 Highway 7, Markham**

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 parents and siblings only. We are not able to accommodate extended family members including grandparents, aunts, uncles, godparents, and friends. We are looking at the possibility of LIVESTREAMING the First Communion celebration so that your extended family can join us as your family celebrates this joyous moment in your child's life.

The first step is to have a family discussion regarding your child's participation in the First Communion Mass to receive the Eucharist for the first time. Your child will be scheduled to attend one mass date and time on a Saturday in mid-October, at St. Patrick'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 siblings can be in attendance.

There are two options available to you.

Option 1 - Your child will celebrate their First Holy Communion at St. Patrick's on a Saturday in mid-October.

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



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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.

At the end of this email, please see the important details to access this information.

You are also encouraged to view the following video: <https://youtu.be/cLUa6Ar9nP0> in order to provide a better understanding of the protocols and procedures in place at St. Patrick's Parish and to assist you in making an informed decision 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.blessedozanam.ca.
2. Click on the FIRST COMMUNIONS 2019-2020 button on the home page.
3. Enter the password: **Eucharist** and click submit.
4. Read the instructions, complete the form, and click submit.
5. The deadline for submission of the form is Thursday, October 1st, 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 First Communion, we will contact you with further important information and specific details.

God bless,

Fr. Rick Davis and the Catechetical Team