



Parish Week / Sunday, 26 Sept.2021

Saturday, 25 Sept. / Ss. Cosmos & Damian

- 8.00 am Mass: † Yohan Alexander (Parents)
 12.00 pm St. Albert School 1st. Communion Mass
 2.00 pm Wedding: Alfred Kattan & Julianna Valente
 5.00 pm Mass: † Carlos Canite (Merinda)

SUNDAY, 26 SEPT. / 26-B

- *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*
- *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

- 9.00 am Mass: Int. Christopher Seneque Gudur (Rosemary)
 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia , Justino Rodas (family)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Mike D'Mello (friends)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 27 Sept. / St. Vincent de Paul, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Florida Pasion (Carolina Aquino)
 7.00 pm Mass: † Mervyn & Delicia Rajapakse
 (Lillian D'Souza)

Tuesday, 28 Sept. / St. Lawrence Ruiz & companions, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ron Forrester (Debbie)
 7.00 pm St. Albert School Confirmation Mass

Wed., 29 Sept. / Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels

- 8.00 am Mass: † Valerie Gibson (Daphne)
 7.00 pm Mass: Intentions of our Parishioners

Thursday, 30 Sept. / St. Jerome, priest & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † Michele Pisciola (Irma)
 7.00 pm Mass: In Honour of the Canadian Martyrs
 (Michel Lafrance)

Friday, 1 Oct. / St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor

- *Anniversary of the death of Bishop Michael Power (1847)*
- 8.00 am Mass: † Audrey Hussey (Alice Larkin)
 6.00 pm Holy Hour
 7.00 pm Mass: † The Unborn (Audrey Caza)
 7.30 pm RCIA

Saturday, 2 Oct. / Holy Guardian Angels

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (Corine Maulion)
 10.00 am RCIC
 5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas
 (Maria Subramaniam & family)

SUNDAY, 3 OCT. / 27-B

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*
- *2nd Collection: ShareLife*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Lucy D'Mello (Loretta)
 10.30 am Mass: † Reginald Mendonca (family)
 12.00 pm Mass: † Christy Anthonypillai (Pushpa Christy)
 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B Numbers 11:25-29; James 5.1-6; Mark 9.38-48

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasurers of heaven. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

**Natalie Carter, Hugh Doherty,
 Joan Drum, Ramona Evidente,
 Mary Janzen, Arron Sudharshana Silva,
 Christopher Perez Trias, Jane Cachero Valmonte**



The 92 victims of the hospital fire in Nasiriya, Iraq

RCIA, RCIC



Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children

The RCIA meets on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm; their next meetings are on 1 & 15 October. The RCIC meets Saturday mornings; their next meetings are on 2 & 16 October.

2nd Collection: 26 Sept., Maintenance

The 2nd collection on Sunday, 26 Sept., will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

COMING UP

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| 4 Oct. | Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm) |
| 7 Oct. | Memorial Mass: † Alexander King (6:00 pm) |
| 9 Oct. | Wedding: Belen – Albino (1:00 pm) |
| 10 Oct. | Infant Baptism (1.30 pm) |
| 17 Oct. | 2 nd Collection: World Mission;
- Annual Attendance Count |
| 24 Oct. | 2 nd Collection: Maintenanc;
- Annual Attendance Count |
| 29 Oct. | Wedding: Turner – Fortuno |
| 31 Oct. | 3 rd Collection: ShareLife |
| 1 Nov. | Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm) |
| 6 Nov. | Wedding: Bevilacqua – Keats (1:00 pm) |
| 7 Nov. | Infant Baptism (1.30 pm) |
| 14 Nov. | 2 nd Collection: Shepherds' Trust |
| 28 Nov. | 2 nd Collection: Maintenance |

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We are celebrating our Masses with a 127-person capacity limit, and all must wear a face mask. It is not mandatory to sanitize hands, but it is recommended and available for those who wish. For more information on parish activities, including the upcoming 1ST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION Masses, see pages 3 and following in the website bulletin.

1st Communion, Confirmation

Students in Grades 3 & 8, who should have received their 1st HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION this past Easter Season, will be provided their appropriate Liturgies very shortly.

The Parish will also work with the Schools to ensure that any students who were not able to participate in these Sacraments when they were last scheduled, due to family or other issues, will be provided with *Make Up* dates so that they are not overlooked.



The next scheduled celebrations are:

Sept. 25 12.00 pm St. Albert the Great School
1st Communion Mass

Sept. 28 7.00 pm St. Albert the Great School
Confirmation Mass

See pages 3-6 in the website bulletin for the details which the families will need for the St. Albert School Masses.

The St. Maria Goretti School 1st Communion and Confirmation Masses will be scheduled as soon as they can be arranged.



A Special Gift BARBARA GACUSANA funeral

Our Parish extends its thanks to the family of **Barbara Christiansen Gacusana**, who died at the age of 36 on 8 August, for donating to our Church the beautiful flowers from her funeral Mass on 11 September. Your kind gift was greatly appreciated. May she Rest in Peace.

Stewards of the Church

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship! This is an act of honour to God, our Creator.

As Stewards of God's gifts we cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others.

Parish Memorials

A lasting legacy: Remember **St. Maria Goretti Church** in your will. Such a gift would enable you to express your affection for your Parish in a tangible way. By leaving a bequest, you help to ensure the vitality of our ministries and the work we do for God's Kingdom in the name of Jesus.

Our *legal title* is: "**St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, Scarborough, Ontario.**" Correspondence is addressed to the *Pastor*, 717 Kennedy Road, Scarborough, Ontario M1K 2C1.

Upcoming Weddings

Alfred Kattan and Julianna Valente
25 September 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church

Bryan Mullins and Rachel Versace
25 September 2021, St. John Church, Kingston Road

John Paul Belen and Vanessa Albino
9 October 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church

Joseph Fernando and Maria Simpson
9 October 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church

Kevin Turner and Rhea Fortuno
29 October 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church

Ananth Mariathas and Darlene Pabitou
6 November 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church

Victor Bevilacqua and Sara Keats
6 November 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church



Julianne Clavesillas (centre) and **Kevin Santos** (beer t-shirt) at their Wedding Rehearsal, 28 Aug. 2021. Their Wedding Mass was on 4 Sept.

We Review our Presentations for First Holy Communion

THE MASS IS A SPECIAL GIFT

Jesus gives us His own Body and Blood at the Last Supper

The Gospel of Luke, Chapter 22

¹ Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, called the *Passover*, was near. ² The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover Lamb had to be sacrificed.

¹⁴ When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹ Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

“This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in memory of me.”

²⁰ And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

TEN COMMANDMENTS

NEW TESTAMENT

Keep holy

“Do this in

the Lord’s Day.

memory of me.”



GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

For Catholics

Catholics fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ’s command to eat his body and drink his blood. To be properly disposed to receive his Communion, communicants are expected to:

- be free of grave sin;*
- fast for an hour prior to Mass;*
- strive to live in charity and love with their neighbours.*

Persons conscious of grave sin must first be reconciled with God and the Church through the Sacrament of Penance, which Jesus gave to the Church as a way in which we can respond to our call to conversion and repentance.

A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all, since it strengthens us in our journey with our brothers and sisters in faith.

For Catechumens

Those who are preparing to become members of the Church may attend Mass with other members of the *Catechumenate* group. At any Mass when there is a formal gathering of Catechumens, they are dismissed after the homily, and they continue their prayer separately from the believing assembly.

If Catechumens attend a Mass at without a dismissal, they may approach the altar at Communion, and seek a blessing by crossing their hands over their heart, and saying, “*A Blessing, Father,*” or, “*A Blessing please.*”

The Mass



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Procession of Gifts: Greeters collect offerings to support the Church in proclaiming the Gospel; Candidates for 1st Communion & Confirmation prepare their prayer slips; and the gifts for the Altar are presented: the Bread and Wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

Eucharistic Prayer: The Priest begins this long prayer, in which he thanks God for the gift of His Son, Jesus, who gave his life to save us.

Sanctus: After the first part of the Prayer, the *Preface*, we sing the *Sanctus*: “**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD, GOD OF HOSTS. HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY...**”

Last Supper Narrative: The Priest says the words that Jesus used at the Last Supper. The bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Memorial Acclamation: We say what we believe about Jesus Christ. We say, “**WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, O LORD, AND PROFESS YOUR RESURRECTION, UNTIL YOU COME AGAIN.**”

Doxology, Great Amen: The Priest says the *Doxology* at the end of the *Eucharistic Prayer*, a summary of our praise. The faithful reply “**AMEN,**” meaning, “Yes, we agree.”

Lord’s Prayer: We pray the *Our Father*, which Jesus taught the Apostles when they asked him how to pray; it is truly a summary of the whole Gospel. To show our care for others, we then exchange a simple *Sign of Peace*.

Breaking of Bread: The Priest re-enacts the gesture of Christ at the Last Supper, and invites the assembly to share in the Eucharist, becoming one body in Christ. They sing or recite the *Agnus Dei* (“Lamb of God”). The Priest holds up a host and says the words used by John the Baptist, “Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.” Jesus is our *sacrifice* who *takes away the sins of the world*.

Communion: The Priest eats and drinks the Body and Blood of Christ. The faithful approach the communion stations, and receive the Body of Christ. The Priest or Eucharistic Minister says to each communicant, “The Body of Christ.” The communicant answers, “**AMEN.**”

CONCLUDING RITE

The Priest invites the assembly to go forth and to honour God and serve one another in the spirit of community.

Prayer after Communion: The closing prayer of Mass.

Announcements: Important developments in the life of the Parish community are identified, so that the assembly may be able to participate. This may include a *ShareLife* appeal; or a special event hosted by a parish ministry.

Blessing and Dismissal: The Priest blesses the assembly and sends it out into the world to do the work of Christ and share the Good News of our salvation. He says “Go forth, the Mass is ended.” We answer, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”

INTRODUCTORY RITE

*The Introductory Rite calls the assembly together as a worshiping community. We prepare to: listen to the **Liturgy of the Word**, and to celebrate the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**.*

Entrance Procession: The Mass opens with a procession to the Altar. It introduces the Priest and the ministers to the assembly and is a visual sign of a community gathered in faith. We stand and sing a song of praise.

Greeting: The presiding Priest venerates the altar, and greets the assembly from the Chair, beginning with the Sign of the Cross, the sign of our faith. He says, “The Lord be with you.” We answer, “**AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.**”

Penitential Rite: Reflecting on the all-embracing mercy of God, we say a prayer called the *Confiteor*, or “I confess.” We admit to God and to others that we are sinners. Then in the *Kyrie* (“Lord have mercy”) we ask for forgiveness.

Gloria: We sing the *Gloria*, the song the angels sang the night Jesus was born. The first line in the song is “Glory to God in the highest.”

Collect: With the words “Let us pray,” the Priest invites the assembly to observe a brief silence to realize that they are in God’s presence. The Priest “collects” their needs and offers them to God the Father through Christ, in the Holy Spirit. All present join by acclaiming, “**AMEN.**”

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: The Lector proclaims this reading, usually taken from the Old Testament. At the end, the Lector says, “The Word of the Lord.” We answer, “**THANKS BE TO GOD.**”

Psalms: The Cantor leads as we praise God.

Second Reading: This reading is usually taken from one of the *Epistles* (Letters) of the New Testament, often a letter from St. Paul; or it may come from the Acts of the Apostles.

Gospel: While the Gospel book is carried from the Altar to the Pulpit, we sing the word *Alleluia*, which means “Praise God.” Before reading the Gospel, the Priest or Deacon says, “A reading from the Holy Gospel according to...” We answer, “**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**” The Priest or Deacon reads from one of the four Gospels, according to Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. The reading ends with, “The Gospel of the Lord.” We answer, “**PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST.**” In his *Homily*, the Priest or Deacon helps us to understand how the Gospel guides our lives.

Creed: In this prayer, which is a summary of the key elements of our faith, we proclaim what we believe about God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and His Holy Church.

Intercessions: In the *Prayer of the Faithful*, we intercede for others by asking God for things that people need.

We Review our Presentations for Confirmation

The Commissioning: *Go and Make Disciples of all Nations*

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION and the EUCHARIST together comprise the SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION.

Confirmation completes Christian initiation, and strengthens the Candidates by the gift of the Holy Spirit. They are empowered as witnesses of Christ, commissioned to spread and defend the faith by their words and deeds.



Since a Sponsor has such a significant role to play in the development of Confirmation candidate it is important that this person be one who is a living example of faith, one whose actions reflect the actions of Jesus.

A Sponsor offers prayer and encouragement during the Confirmation preparation process and as their candidate matures in life.

The Arrival of the Holy Spirit

After the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, the Apostles were left amazed by what had happened, and they were unsure what to do. Jesus came and spent 40 days with them, guiding and instructing them.

He told them that he had to return to the Father, but he promised that they would send the Holy Spirit to empower the Apostles to go out and proclaim the Gospel, as they had been instructed.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

(Acts 2.1-4)

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

The Commissioning of the Disciples

(Matthew 28.16-20)

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

My Sponsor

Confirmation Sponsors “Accompany the candidates, present them to the Bishop for anointing, and then help them fulfill their baptismal promises by the influence of the Holy Spirit.” (*Rite of Confirmation*, # 5)

Confirmation

Gift of the Holy Spirit

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION and the EUCHARIST comprise the SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION. Confirmation completes Christian initiation, and strengthens the Candidates by the gift of the Holy Spirit. They are witnesses of Christ, bound to spread and defend the faith by their words and deeds.

Origins of the Sacrament

The Old Testament prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the awaited Messiah for his saving mission. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his Baptism in the Jordan by John was the sign that this was the expected one: the Son of God, who would communicate the Spirit to the entire messianic people. On Pentecost, filled with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles began to proclaim the mighty works of God, and Peter declared this outpouring of the Spirit to be a sign of the messianic age.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, the doctrine on Baptism and the Laying on of Hands is listed among the first elements in Christian instruction. The Laying on of Hands is recognized as the original sign of the Sacrament of Confirmation, which perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church.

The Bishop

The original ministers of Confirmation are the Bishops, the successors of the Apostles. They have received the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. (The Bishop may transfer this mandate to the local Parish Priest.) The Sacred Chrism used for the Anointing was blessed at the Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral during the previous Holy Week.

The Sponsor

The Sponsor is a fully-initiated member of the Church who:

- ❖ Represents the community; ❖ Will support the parents;
- ❖ Testifies that the Candidate will be a witness for Christ.

The original Godparent may perform this duty; or another adult who serves as an example of Christian living.

The Name

The Confirmation Name is the Christian *Baptismal* name, or the name of another *Saint* who will serve as a lifelong patron and prayer partner to the newly-confirmed.

Effects of Confirmation

The purpose of the Sacrament is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as it was given to the Apostles on Pentecost:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind...divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability. (Acts 2.1-4).

The entire Church benefits by Confirmation: it conveys the grace of *Pentecost*, enabling us to live with the fruits of the Holy Spirit:

Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Generosity, Goodness, Perseverance, Mildness, Faith, Modesty, Contenance, Chastity.

Confirmation has several important effects:

- (1) **It makes us more aware of God;**
- (2) **It releases the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit:** Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Understanding, Courage, Piety and Reverence of the Lord.
- (3) **It unites us more firmly to Christ;**
- (4) **It binds us more perfectly to the Church;**
- (5) **It gives us strength to spread and defend the faith by our words and actions in order to:**
 - ✘ be true witnesses of Christ;
 - ✘ confess the name of Christ boldly;
 - ✘ never be ashamed of the Cross.

Confirmation perfects the grace of Baptism, and imprints a spiritual mark or permanent, indelible character on the Christian's soul. A Candidate for Confirmation who has attained the age of reason must profess the faith; be in the state of grace; desire to receive the Sacrament; and be prepared to assume the role of disciple and witness to Christ, both in the Church and in the world.

The Liturgy

Confirmation is ordinarily celebrated within the context of the Holy Mass. Following the Proclamation of the Word of God, the Sacrament is administered in this order:

Presentation of the Candidates

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

*Laying On of Hands*¹

*Anointing with Sacred Chrism*²

¹ LAYING ON OF HANDS: The Bishop faces the people and introduces the prayer. Then he (and any concelebrating Priests) extend their hands over the Candidates, and ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit upon them.

² ANOINTING WITH CHRISM: Candidates walk to the Sanctuary. The Bishop goes to them individually, takes some Chrism, addresses them by their Confirmation Name, and makes the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads.

Bishop: “ _____, be sealed with
the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Newly Confirmed: “AMEN.”

Bishop: “Peace be with you.”

Newly Confirmed: “AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.”



First Holy Communion

Guidelines for the Saint Albert School students, 25 September 2021



St. Maria Goretti Parish is grateful to be able to celebrate the **Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion** for the Grade 3 students who should have received this Sacrament in April 2021, when they were in Grade 2.

The delay has made it necessary to modify some procedures. Please read the following.

(1) REVIEW MATERIAL for 1st Communion may be found on pages 3-4.

The presentations that should have been made in advance with the families, will be provided to the students as soon as circumstances permit.

(2) *How to dress for the day?* The Toronto Archdiocese does not have a “mandatory” dress code for First Communion Candidates. The universal expectation is that, for such an important occasion, **Candidates** should wear “Sunday best,” which is formal or semi-formal attire. It is suggested that the Candidates incorporate a significant *white component* to their attire (e.g., a white dress for girls, a white shirt for boys, etc.) as a reminder of their Baptism. Boys may wear a suit, or a formal or semi-formal jacket with complementary trousers. Parents should be mindful that at this time of the year, the children’s clothing should not be heavy. It is also suggested that **Family members** avoid clothing with garish or bold colour patterns (stripes, logos, etc.), and stick to simple, neutral colours, so that the Candidates stand out during the Mass, and in the photos taken afterward. In the future, the photos will tell everyone that the focus of the day was on the Candidate and the Holy Sacrament received at the Altar.

(3) Under the circumstances, there are no REHEARSALS, so pay attention to the directions given at Church. Candidates will sit with their families and will approach the Sanctuary to one of 2 designated Communion stations.

(4) The CHURCH WILL BE OPEN for **Sign In** one hour before the Mass. Candidates should arrive 45 – 30 minutes before Mass to *sign in*, and submit their *1st Communion Summary form*, which were distributed at School. If anyone is missing a form, spares will be provided. The facilitators will distribute printed programs of the Mass for the families, and personalized ones for the Candidates. Then they may take their place in the Church with their families, as soon as the morning Baptisms are finished.

Each Candidate may be accompanied by up to 7 relatives or friends. Total: 8 per family.

(5) Most other GUIDELINES FOR THE LITURGY remain as usual. There is *no photography during Mass* (time for posed photos will be available afterward.) This year, families will have *permission to record / livestream* for relatives who cannot attend, on condition that the person managing the camera remains with the family: *In the pew* during Mass, and *up to the Sanctuary* at the time of the Sacrament.



Confirmation

Guidelines for the Saint Albert School Candidates, 28 September 2021

St. Maria Goretti Parish is grateful to be able to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for the Grade 8 students who should have received this Sacrament in May 2021, when they were in Grade 7.

The delay has made it necessary to modify some procedures.

(1) At this stage in the pandemic recovery, the Church is limited to **127** people. Each Candidate may be accompanied by up to 7 relatives or friends. Total: 8 per family.

(2) There will be **NO CONFIRMATION GOWNS**, so Candidates will need to wear “Sunday best,” which is formal or semi-formal attire. It is suggested that **Candidates** incorporate a significant *white component* to their attire (e.g., a white shirt, blouse, dress, etc.) as a reminder of the connection between Confirmation and Baptism. It is suggested that **Sponsors** avoid clothing with garish or bold colour patterns (stripes, logos, etc.), and stick to simple, neutral colours, so that the Candidates stand out in the assembly. For men: black/grey, navy or khaki tones; for women: black/grey/white, or pastels. In the future, the photos will tell everyone that the focus of the day was on the Sacrament received at the Altar.

(3) For this Mass, there cannot be any **REHEARSAL**, so pay close attention to the directions given at Church. To maximize seating capacity, Candidates will sit with their families and Sponsor and will be called up to the Sanctuary *one family at a time* via the main aisle, similar to the way we would receive Holy Communion.



(4) The **CONFIRMATION CARD** which each Candidate presents to the Pastor at the time they receive the Sacrament, must be completed upon arrival at the Church, which will be open one hour before the Mass. Candidates should arrive 45 – 30 minutes before Mass to **Sign In**, complete their **Cards**, and take their place in the Church with their families.

(5) If a **SPONSOR** is unable to be present on the assigned day, they will need to be Proxied (represented) by an adult, Confirmed Catholic. If this is the case with your family, you will be given a special Proxy form that will need to be filled out when you arrive at Church.

(6) Most other **GUIDELINES FOR THE LITURGY** remain as usual. There is *no photography during Mass* (time for posed photos will be available afterward.) This year, families will have *permission to record / livestream* for relatives who cannot attend, on condition that the person managing the camera remains with the family: *In the pew* during Mass, and *up to the Sanctuary* at the time of the Sacrament.

