

HOLY TRINITY

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

2023-24



Baptism

Newborn – Age 5

For over age 5, see RCIC, RCIT or RCIA programs

Baptism is a Sacrament of Initiation that welcomes a child into our faith community of Catholic believers. It is the celebration that begins the faith life of the child in and with Christ. Because the child is unable to express their faith, the Church invites the parents into a preparation process prior to the Baptism Celebration. Through prayer, reflection, scripture, and faith sharing, parents are guided and supported in their responsibilities as faith witnesses for the child.

Holy Baptism holds the first place among the sacraments, because it is the door of the spiritual life; for by it we are made members of Christ and incorporated within the Catholic Church.

Baptism Preparation Course

All parents are required to complete a Baptismal Preparation Class before their child is baptized.

We encourage you to consider baptism preparation prior to the birth of your son or daughter, if you can. Taking the time now can help eliminate the need for baby sitters and adds to the joyful anticipation of your child. While preparing for your child's birth, it is important to begin preparing for your child's Christian formation as well.

We are offering our baptism course monthly. It consists of having a 45 minutes Zoom meeting with our Baptism Coordinator to discuss Godparent options and begin the Baptism application forms. Then there will be a 2 1/2 hour in-person class to gain a better understanding of the Sacrament. Once the course is completed and the forms are handed into the office along with a copy of the child's birth certificate (long form which lists parentage and is in mother's maiden name) along with the \$25 course fee, a date for baptism can be booked.

[Please call the office to register.](#)

RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children)

For children (Grade 1-6) and their parents, to learn about the Catholic faith and for those children who desire to be initiated into the Catholic faith:

In partnership with Holy Trinity Parish, St. Joseph School is excited to offer families an opportunity to explore and grow in their faith in a welcoming, family-based environment. It is designed for both adults and children in mind. Families are invited to join together in learning more about the Catholic faith, regardless of personal spiritual journey or background. Whether you or your children have been brought up in a Catholic family and have simply not engaged with the faith, or the Catholicism is new and you and your children would like to learn more, this program is for you! It is important to note that there is no obligation or expectation that all participants will complete the program with initiation to the Catholic faith. This program will be offered on Sunday afternoons at 2:00-3:30 pm, from October to April at St. Joseph School.

[For more information or to register, please contact Tracey Wujcik at \[twujcik@ecsrd.ca\]\(mailto:twujcik@ecsrd.ca\).](#)

RCIT (Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens)

For teens (Grade 7-12) who were Baptized in other faith traditions, or for those who have never been Baptized:

This program takes young people on a journey through the entire Catholic faith in all its richness and vitality. Teens will be captivated by the story, from Creation all the way through salvation history, and they will come to see how the sacraments, prayer, and discipleship are the keys to a happy life. The goal of this program is nothing short of winning over the hearts of teens and making them disciples of Christ. RICT will be offered on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm, from October to April at Holy Trinity Parish.

[For more information and to register, please contact the parish office.](#)

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

For those adults who were Baptized in other traditions, or for those who have never been Baptized:

After a long journey of formation, prayer, and discernment by the individual and the community, the Christian Initiation of Adults is celebrated in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, usually at the Easter Vigil each year. RCIA provides the forum for this conversion. Meeting one evening during the week and again on Sunday mornings for approximately nine months, those inquiring into the Catholic faith have the chance to learn the basics of Church teaching, break open the Gospel, and discover the fullness of God's covenant with us. All those who are interested in inquiring about the faith are welcome into the program at anytime.

[RCIA begins with a *Come and See* evening on Tuesday, September 12th at 7:15pm. Classes start the following Tuesday.](#)



1st Reconciliation / 1st Communion

Grade 2 up to Grade 5

Reconciliation is one of the greatest graces we can receive from God again and again. It renews our soul, totally unburdens us, freeing us from past sins. It lets us know of God's love for us and gives us the courage and strength to carry on. God is merciful and wants nothing more than for us to accept his mercy. When you go to confession you are given a clean slate.

The mystery of Holy Eucharist is at the center of our faith, it is the "source and summit of the Christian life" (Second Vatican Council, *Lumen gentium*, 11). When we eat the broken Bread, we unite ourselves with the love of Jesus, who gave his body for us on the wood of the Cross; when we drink from the chalice, we unite ourselves with him who even poured out his blood out of love for us (You Cat 208).

The Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion are completed together. These Sacraments are available for children who are at least 7 years old or in Grade 2. This year's classes consist of two sacramental workbooks for children and parents to do together at home, four in-person parent and child classes, as well as three half-day retreats held at the church.

Registration for both 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion will take place on Monday, September 25th and Wednesday, September 27th (choose one) in the church hall at 7:00pm. Please see www.trinitycatholic.net under the **Sacraments tab for registration forms.**



Altar Servers

For those who have received their 1st Communion

For children, teens and adults who would like to assist the clergy on the Altar during Mass.

For more information contact Brian @ 587-785-6389 and check our September bulletins for Altar Server workshop dates.



Confirmation

Grade 7 or 8

For pre-teens (Grades 7-8) who have been baptized and who may or may not have received the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, but who have not yet been confirmed:

The Sacrament of Confirmation confers special graces of the Holy Spirit upon the person being confirmed. It can be performed only once and increases and deepens all of the graces granted at baptism. It completes the process of initiation into the Christian community and prepares the candidate to receive and experience the Holy Spirit in an intimate and profound way so that they may live out their Catholic faith in the world. This program will be offered on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 5:00 – 6:30pm from January to May, 2024, at Holy Trinity Parish. For more information and to register, please contact the parish office.

Confirmation Registration will be held on both Monday, January 15th and Tuesday, January 16th (choose one) at 7:00pm in the Hall. Registration forms will be available in December at www.trinitycatholic.net under the **Sacraments** tab.

Confirmation for Teens

For teens (Grades 9-12) who have been baptized and who may or may not have received the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, but who have not yet been confirmed:

This program guides young people towards encountering God himself, as they take the next step on their faith journey – Confirmation. They will discover the Catholic faith in all its richness and vitality. Teens will be captivated by the story, from Creation all the way through salvation history, and they will come to see how the sacraments, prayer, and discipleship are the keys to a happy life. The goal of this program is to assist teens in becoming disciples of Christ as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation for teens will be offered on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm from October to April at Holy Trinity Parish.

For more information and to register, please contact the parish office.

Are you or your child missing Sacraments? Contact the office to see how these may be obtained.

For more information on any of these programs please see our website www.trinitycatholic.net, contact the Parish Office at 780-960-0135 or email holytrinity.sg@caedm.ca.