

St. Mary's Church

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Dear Parents,

As this new school year unfolds we begin another exciting and busy year of parish life. As Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Barrie, I am charged with the pastoral and spiritual care of St. Mary's parish which includes our seven Catholic schools.

I look forward to working with you and your Catholic school to prepare your children for the Sacraments of First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation. St. Mary's Parish is a welcoming community and we urge you to fully participate with us at our Sunday celebrations.

Many families may want to do a "catch up" with the Sacraments, and we as a parish are ready and willing to do that with you. We invite you to feel the love, warmth and support of our faith community at St. Mary's.

Together we can continue to build our parish community in faith, hope and love.

Peace and Joy,
Rev. Monsignor Marco Laurencic

QUICK ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.

When is mass at St. Mary's Parish? Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12 noon and 4:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Mass

BAPTISM

How do I have a child baptized? If the child is aged six and under, please contact the church office at 705-728-2985 ext. 101 to register for a Baptism Information Meeting - held on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

My child is older and requires baptism. What do I do? Please contact the church office at ext. 110. R.C.I.C. (*Rite of Christian Initiation Classes*) preparation classes will take place in six short meetings each **Sunday, commencing October 21st** from 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mass with Baptism as a group is scheduled for Sunday, December 2nd.

FIRST COMMUNION

Our child is in grade two and up. How do we proceed to First Reconciliation and First Communion? A Parent Information meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 17th at 7:30 p.m. following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.** You are required to attend this meeting for a registration and information package. This meeting will inform you on how to prepare your children for these special moments in your family's life.

Please turn over....

My son, in grade six, has not made his First Communion. What can be done?

Contact Mickie Oakes, Pastoral Associate in the parish office at ext. 110. We organize first communion masses for older children.

CONFIRMATION

Our grade seven/eight child should be confirmed this year. A letter from the parish will be sent home with your child inviting him/her to enter the process for Confirmation. Parents and candidates are invited to attend the Parent Information/Registration Meeting on **Wednesday, October 24th at 7:30 p.m. following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.** Confirmation will be celebrated on June 1st, 2019.

R.C.I.A.

As a parent, I have always raised my children in the Catholic Church, but have never become a Catholic myself. As an adult how would I become a Catholic? R.C.I.A. allows you to prepare for Baptism or Profession of Faith if already baptized. Those wishing to know more should speak with Deacon Del Allan at the parish office at ext. 125. The parish R.C.I.A. program has already begun, however, those discerning Catholicism have until the end of November to participate in this year's program.

MARRIAGE BLESSING

My wife and I were married outside the church. How do we get our marriage blessed? This is so often much easier than we have been lead to believe, but the process of blessing a marriage is individual to each couple so please call the parish office to discuss.