

Sacramental Preparation Catechetical Year 2020-2021

Sacraments are vital expressions of who we are as Catholic Christians. Each time we receive a sacrament we respond in a deeper way to Jesus' call to discipleship. Since sacraments are so important to us, we take them very seriously and prepare to receive them thoughtfully and thoroughly. All sacraments are community events, and this is reflected in the preparation and celebration of the sacraments.

The Role of the Family in the Sacramental Preparation of Children:

In this parish, we are committed to the idea that taking an active part in a child's spiritual formation is the right and dignity of Christian parents. Parents are the "first teachers" of their children in the vision and practice of the Christian way of life. It is in the home that children primarily experience and come to know about God. When children experience the loving care of their family members, when they are challenged to be the best people that they can be by their parents, and when they witness a family's unceasing striving for healing and reconciliation, then children really learn about who God is. Parents are, whether they realize it or not, the "sacrament" of God's presence to their children.

Therefore, in all of our sacramental preparation programs, we attempt to nurture a strong partnership between families and our parish community. Parents are encouraged to take on their central role. The parish and the parish catechists assist parents in this task. The parish provides the immediate preparation for all sacraments; and so we strongly encourage parents to enroll their children in our Sacramental Preparation Program

Please make sure to phone the parish office and book an **appointment** with Fr. Vener, **deadline for interview and registration is June 30, 2020.**

Notre Dame Parish



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Office Hours: 8am-12noon

Monday to Friday

Telephone: (250) 782-3456

Web Site: <https://notredamedc.ca> Email: nddc@shaw.ca

Mass Times: Tuesday thru Friday- 12:10pm

Saturday - 5pm & 7:30pm (Max 50 people at each Mass)

Sunday - 9am, 11am and 5pm (Max 50 people at each Mass)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By Appointment only Tue - Fri - 10am - 11:30am

PARISH STAFF

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June 21 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

No worries

It seems sometimes the world is made up of two kinds of people: Those who work hard for a living, trying to earn a better life, and those who sit back and let life happen, expecting good things to fall into their laps. Each side will vehemently defend the virtues of their own attitude, and simultaneously point the finger of shame at their opposites. Which group is right in God's eyes, you might understandably wonder?

Neither or perhaps both. As with so many subjects, scripture poses a little paradox. God tells us that to be overly worried about having enough food and clothing shows a lack of trust in Him. Score one for the "sit back and be" group. God also tells us a lazy servant will not be recognized or rewarded by his Master. That's a point for the hardworking side. To find God's truth you need to merge the viewpoints. We are to work as hard as possible both to provide for our families and also to serve God, but leave the worries up to Him. We must trust that the work of our hands will not go unblessed by God. It's that simple. Let's pray to find that balance this week: Work hard, don't worry, and relax in faith when the work is done.

Mass Intentions for the Week	
Tuesday	Sawyer Jeannotte
Wednesday	+Marie Huet
Thursday	+Anna Chambers
Friday	Kerry, Heidi and Family
Saturday	5pm - +Jules Bouvier 7:30pm - + Ken Loiselle
Sunday	9am - Intentions of Notre Dame Parish 11am - +Mary Fitzgerald

Baptism of children: Contact the Parish Office (even prior to the birth of your child) about the process for Baptism for parents & godparents.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married in a Catholic Church should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their wedding date.

RCIA: Any persons wishing to join the Catholic faith please contact the Parish Office



PRAYER DURING PANDEMIC

Lord God,
I pray for all who have become sick

or died by the coronavirus that has been spreading throughout the world.

In your mercy and compassion, deliver us from this disease.

In your holy wisdom, guide all who are working to contain the outbreak.

In your steadfast love, bring healing to all your children who have fallen sick.

Welcome into your arms the ones that died, Comfort the ones they left behind.

In faith, I place my trust in you.

In hope, I turn to you in my time of need.

In love, I give glory to your name.

In gratitude, I will praise you with my life.

In your Son's name I pray. Amen.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 23 12:10pm Mass

June 24 12:10pm Mass

June 25 12:10pm Mass

June 26 11am Mass

June 27 5pm Mass (Max 50 people)
7:30pm Mass (Max 50 people)

June 28 9am Mass (Max 50 people)
11am Mass (Max 50 people)

PARISH SICK LIST: Please pray for....

Rose Palfy, Margaret Lowther, Cathie Carver, George LaJeunesse, Violet Thomas, Bill Thomas, Isabel Ong, Bernadette Redgate, Jane Spent, Jerome Reschny, Daxton Holloway, Jaspar Judge-Dokken, Al Pickering, Vern Schwartz, Jack Tipton, Iris Brennan, Pat Willich, Rachel Dionne, Joanne Lefebvre, Jackson Ridley, Sawyer Jeannotte, Kathy Weingart, Marietta Gagalang, Judi McGowan, Marianne Stone, Darren Dufour, Mel Palfy, Bernard O'Rielly, Mike Reschny, Gerard Reschny

Ashamed, who me?

If asked, most of us would state emphatically that we are proud of our Christian faith. We see ourselves as willing witnesses, openly declaring Christ's gospel in our words, our works, our lives.

But are we really that open with our faith? When the opportunity arises in conversation to speak God's view on morals or modern culture do we speak for Him or avoid the possible conflict? When we see someone unjustly treated do we step up and act in their defense or quietly pray for God to "do something"? When defending our own morals or facing temptation, do we declare God's law as the basis for our stand, or hide behind the politically correct, socially acceptable reasons?

Jesus tells us "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." It's important that we speak for Him and of Him whenever possible. It's up to us. Will we acknowledge Him today, or will we be ashamed?

MASS IN A MOMENT

The Eucharistic Prayer Pt. I

The Eucharistic prayer is the heart of the Mass. It is a thanksgiving prayer. As we begin it we say, "It is right to give our thanks and praise." We give thanks to God for our salvation in Christ, the mystery of our faith. "Father, calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation, his glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven, and ready to greet him when he comes again, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice." At the same time we ask that both we and the bread and wine be transformed into the Body of Christ for the life of the world. "Through Christ, with him and in him in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honour are yours almighty Father, for ever and ever."

Father's prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,

I am a father on earth

You have given me this gift and responsibility.

Grant me the wisdom to carry it out.

Let my fatherhood be one of encouragement and support, not expectations and control.

Let me be firm without dominating, protect without smothering.

Let me offer them the roots of belonging and the wings of freedom.

Help me a father, be to my children daily, what you are to me.



Food Banks

Please remember those who are in need with donations for the Food Banks. (No clothes, please.)



Guidelines for Weekday Masses

The Church will only be open from 11:30 am to 1pm, with Mass being said at 12:10pm. Pews have been marked to reflect social distancing to a max of 50.

Please check our website at notredamedc.ca for information about weekend mass schedule and booking attendance procedures.

"E-TRANSFERS"

Notre Dame Parish is now offering E-Transfers for Parishioners to use for their weekly donations.

If this is an option that you are interested in, please follow these instructions:

1. Add Recipient – Notre Dame Parish, DC

2. Email Address – nddcaccounting@shaw.ca

3. Message – example: donation, or special collection, Haiti Sponsorship or Projects, Corporal works, etc.

4. Parishioners are reminded that they DO NOT NEED a security question because the donation is automatically deposited into the designated parish account.

If you have any questions please feel free to call the Parish Office.