

## 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 has been extended to July 31st, 2020.**

# Notre Dame Parish



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Monday to Friday

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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 28 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we think about Christianity, the prophets and 12 disciples may not be the first things that come to mind. Yet it was their bold, persevering faith that led to the spread of the Good News about God's kingdom amid the persecution of Christians at that time. Today's readings illuminate the critical role of God's messengers, and the hope and renewed lives their transformative messages promised to those who welcomed them. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals the great sacrifice and reward for his followers. As he instructs the disciples on their gruelling mission, he tells them to bear their crosses in order to find eternal life. Jesus in effect stresses the greatest commandment – to love God above anything and anyone else. It's a lofty challenge for us as Christ's followers today. Yet Jesus' message is about redemption rather than perfection. Welcoming him into our lives with our little acts of love and sacrifice matters – just as those who give even a little cup of water to his messengers will be rewarded. While it may not be realistic for us to achieve the same level of sacrifice for God as his early messengers, God shows his love is merciful. We praise him for his redeeming messages. Thanks to the sacrifices of the courageous prophets and disciples, we can find life through our faithfulness to God.

Mass Intentions for the Week	
Tuesday	Barb Frost
Wednesday	Josephine Eastwood
Thursday	+George St. Germain
Friday	+Ramon Cline
Saturday	5pm - All who do Ministries in the Church 7:30pm – + Karen Nykiforuk
Sunday	9am - Intentions of Notre Dame Parish 11am - +Richard Kress

**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 30 No Mass
- July 1 Canada Day  
OFFICE CLOSED  
No Mass
- July 2 No Mass
- July 3 No Mass
- July 4 5pm Mass (Max 50 people)  
7:30pm Mass (Max 50 people)
- July 5 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

**Food Banks**

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

**MOVING??**

If you will be moving away from the Parish this summer, or perhaps just moving to a new home, please take a moment and let the office know your new address.

**NO BULLETIN FOR JULY AND AUGUST**

**MASS IN A MOMENT**

The Eucharistic Prayer Pt. II  
 The Eucharistic meal is a sacrificial meal, a meal that is both sacred and sanctifying. In his words over the bread and wine of the Last Supper, which we recall during the Eucharistic prayer, Christ eternally bound the Christian Eucharistic meal to his sacrificial outpouring of his life for the life of the world. In the celebration of the Eucharist, Christ unites our sacrifice of praise with his sacrifice on the cross. At the same time we proclaim and celebrate the eternal covenant that God established in the Blood of Christ himself. “Lord, look upon this sacrifice which you have given to your Church: and by your Holy Spirit, gather all who share this one bread and cup into the one body of Christ, a living sacrifice of praise.”



**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](mailto: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.

***Canada Day***

Canadians should seek to be witnesses to Christ in Canada and the world, and to continue working to influence those in government to act from Christian principles and attitudes.

Christians, realizing they do not have a lasting home here, should pray and work for justice and peace in Canada and through-out the world, so that all God's people may share in the goods of this earth. God's kingdom will come only when all people are ready to let Christ's teaching guide and rule their lives and actions.

***A Note of Thanks***

THANK YOU to all who volunteer for the various ministries. We appreciate all you have done for our faith community.

Have a GREAT summer!