

# Immaculate Conception Parish

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*Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day;  
for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. John 6:55-56*

August 19, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

## **RE: Rescheduled First Holy Communion Dates**

As we begin phase three of the reopening of our province, I am super delighted to announce that we have been given the greenlight to resume preparations for **First Holy Communion ONLY** and complete the sacramental preparation. Every reasonable precaution has been and will continue to be taken by Immaculate Conception Parish to protect the health and safety of our community. After careful planning that keeps the safety of all in mind, we have rescheduled this year's First Holy Communion celebrations as follows:

### **First Holy Communion Dates 2020**

#### **St. Gabriel the Archangel School**

Saturday October 17, 2020 @ 11:00 am: Last name A-I

Saturday October 17, 2020 @ 2:00 pm: Last name J-Z

#### **St. Catherine of Siena School**

Sunday October 18, 2020 @ 3:00 pm

#### **St. John Bosco School**

Saturday November 7, 2020 @ 11:00 am: Last name A-M

Saturday November 7, 2020 @ 2:00 pm: Last name N-Z

#### **Immaculate Conception School**

Saturday November 28, 2020 @ 11:00 am: Last name A-M

Saturday November 28, 2020 @ 2:00 pm: Last name N-Z & **Other Schools**

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In light of the stringent public health measures being undertaken to curb the spread of COVID-19, please take note of the following regulations:

- Our celebrations will be divided by schools with a limited number of about **TWENTY (20)** candidates per ceremony **CHOSEN IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER**.
- Due to capacity limitations, we will only be able to guarantee **SEVEN (7) people per family INCLUDING the candidate** to allow for strict physical distancing in the church. Guests will require a ticket. Each candidate will be provided with tickets closer to the celebrations which will be required for admission in the church.
- Pews will be reserved for each candidate and their guests. Please follow the direction of the staff and volunteers.
- The celebrations will be very simple. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be able to have an offertory procession, sing a song or any additional activity that would require the students to leave their pew during Mass. At the conclusion of the ceremony, you are asked to exit the church without spending time socializing with others.
- First Reconciliations will be scheduled as soon as students return to school in September. Further details will be provided when they are finalized.
- Masks or face coverings are mandatory in church at all times (both candidates and family members are to wear a mask).
- Please maintain physical distancing at all times while in the church, lobby and parking lot.
- There will be no group photos at this time. There will be one official photographer.
- The First Holy Communion Activity booklets do not need to be returned and can be kept as a memento.
- We understand that some families may not be ready to participate in large gatherings at this time. You are welcome to wait if this is the case for your family, and you are asked to please contact the pastor.
- If you are unable to make the dates listed above, please contact the pastor.

In order for your child to receive First Holy Communion, they must have been registered for the celebrations which were originally scheduled to take place at Immaculate Conception Parish in spring 2020 and must have completed the relevant preparations. Please kindly complete the attached registration form and return it by email to the parish office by **September 21, 2020** at [icparish@rogers.com](mailto:icparish@rogers.com)

We apologize for the restrictions imposed on us by the pandemic, but we are working hard to ensure that the children's First Holy Communion will still be a memorable and meaningful event.

If you have any questions and concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the pastor.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr Eugene Chianain, C.F.I.C.  
Pastor

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## 2020 First Holy Communion Ceremony Registration Form

*Please return this form to the parish office via email at [icparish@rogers.com](mailto:icparish@rogers.com) by September 21, 2020.*

*The candidate must have been registered for the celebrations which were originally scheduled to take place at Immaculate Conception Parish in spring 2020 and must have completed the relevant preparations.*

Child's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree for my child to participate in the First Holy Communion ceremony on \_\_\_\_\_.  
I have read the above regulations and am cognizant of the regulations which are to be followed to curb the spread of COVID-19.

I am not ready to participate in large gatherings at this time and wish to postpone my child's First Holy Communion. (NB. Please contact the pastor).

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of person completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_