

# Sacramental Information

## First Reconciliation and First Communion SY 2023-2024

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH, BURLINGTON

*As a parent of a child in Grade 2 at one of our affiliated schools we ask that you review this letter in its entirety. It is important that all requirements be completed and submitted to the church on Sacramental Registration dates noted below.*

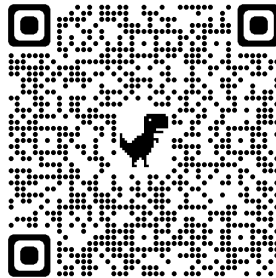
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### *A. In-Person Sacramental Registration*

The sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion will take place this school year **for students eligible to receive them**. If you would like your child to participate, we ask parents to complete a 2-part process.

#### **PART 1: Fill-out the Online Registration Form**

To register, scan the following QR code or use this link: (<https://forms.gle/xkLzTgT4i5zXVae2A>)



If you are having any difficulty accessing the online registration form, you may also download a pdf copy from our website ([www.stpaultheapostleburlington.com](http://www.stpaultheapostleburlington.com)) and email the completed form to [sacramentalprep@stpaultheapostleburlington.com](mailto:sacramentalprep@stpaultheapostleburlington.com). You may also pick-up a paper form from the parish office during [office hours](#).

#### **PART 2: Submit Documents at the In-Person Registration/Verification**

To complete the registration, please submit the following documents in person. Note that schools will not collect these documents.

#### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- Photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate
- Translation of Child's Baptismal Certificate (if in another language)
- Registration Form (ONLY if you opted for the pdf or paper copy)

In-person registration will happen at the dates and times noted below. You only need to **drop-in** once and children are not required to attend. At this time, we will have volunteers who will verify the child's baptism information and answer any questions. We will also have important materials to hand out. Please note that your registration will only be processed upon submission of a valid Baptismal Certificate.

**IN-PERSON SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION DATES:**

October 12, 2023, *drop-in between 5PM - 7PM; OR*  
October 14, 2023, *drop-in between 10AM - 12PM*

**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

If your child is NOT planning to participate in the sacraments, there is no further action needed on your end. Please note that some sacramental preparation will take place at school as part of the students' Religion curriculum.

If your child is not baptized Roman Catholic and you wish to have your child receive the sacraments, you must contact the Sacramental Preparation Coordinator, Mrs. Melanie Gaddi\*, immediately to make the proper arrangements.

***Sacramental Preparation Materials***

At the In-person Registration, sacramental preparation materials will be provided at no cost. Additionally, other books/booklets will be available for sale (limited quantities only). Prices range between \$5 and \$15. For payment, we accept cash, cheques (Payable to St. Paul the Apostle Parish) or e-transfer to [paul22@cogeco.ca](mailto:paul22@cogeco.ca).

***B. Sacramental Preparation***

Throughout the year, there will be several touchpoints to help prepare your child for the reception of the sacraments. The first one is a **Parent & Child Meeting for First Reconciliation** and will be on **December 6, 2023 at 6:30PM**. Attendance by the child and one or both parents is very important.

At the Parent & Child Meeting, we will share important information about the online booking process (to choose the date of celebration of the sacraments), the First Communion rehearsals and other details.

## C. Sacramental Celebration Dates

Our Grade 2s will be celebrating the sacraments with their families at one of the following dates. *You will be advised at the Parent & Child meetings on how to register online for both sacraments.* You will be able to pick among the following dates and times for what would work best for your family.

### First Reconciliation Celebration

#### DATES:

February 21, 2024, starting at 6PM  
February 24, 2024, starting at 10AM  
February 28, 2024, starting at 6PM

### First Communion Celebration DATES:

June 1, 2024, 11AM  
June 1, 2024, 1PM  
June 1, 2024, 3PM  
June 8, 2024, 11AM  
June 8, 2024, 1PM  
June 8, 2024, 3PM



*For any questions or concerns, please contact:*

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