

Email: st.barts@archtoronto.org Website: stbartholomewssc.archtoronto.org

We encourage all families, especially registered parishioners, to remain attentive to parish communications regarding the sacramental preparation program. Information has been widely distributed through the parish website, bulletin board, parish schools, school newsletters, and regular parish announcements to ensure that no family misses the information session.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 2026 TO APRIL 2027

- ❖ The **family becomes a domestic Church** when the family is consciously the first teacher of the faith. This teaching is by word and example. Parents must consciously live their faith, raise children who imbibe the faith, its propositions, ethos, and values. In this sense, faith is first caught and thorough taught active participation in the life of the parish community.
- ❖ **Parents are the first catechists, first evangelisers and their children's first teachers.** The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2221–2231) spells out in great detail what is expected of the parents in the education of the children. Lead through your
- ❖ **THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH IS THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST TO STRENGTHEN US TO LIVE THE LIFE AND ZEAL OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE TO SHARE WITH OTHERS**

WHAT THE PARISH AND THE PARISH CATECHETICAL TEAM EXPECT FROM YOU?

- Attend the celebration of Sunday Mass regularly
- Parents and candidates collaborate with parish catechetical team
- It is mandatory to attend all the sacramental preparations sessions
- **Absenteeism without a valid reason** will cause a delay the reception of the Sacraments
- Must actively participate on the parish preparation program and events
 - ❖ Enrolling in the parish sacramental preparation program means commitment to taking part in all aspects of the preparation: all sessions and parish events. If you are sick or have some other serious conflict, contact the coordinator of the program to arrange to make up the session. Candidates who fail to participate without a valid reason may be required to withdraw from the program and delay Confirmation till another time
- Email and information you provide are correct and active
 - ❖ Active means you actively check and read your email religiously. **Ignorance is not an excuse.**
- All concerns and questions must be directed to our parish office and pastor and **not** to the school personnel
 - ❖ We recognize the school community partnership in the formation of the children however **the parish office will not entertain any inquiries from the school**
- Communication must be done through email and in writing
 - ❖ Direct all communication only to the parish office and catechists

Parents must be registered parishioner of the parish. If you are not using an envelope or filled out the parish registration form most likely you are NOT a parishioner. Check with the parish office if you are registered. If you belong to another parish, by either geographical territory or registration, we would recommend that you contact that particular church for the sacramental preparation of your child. For meaningful preparation and celebration of the sacraments to happen, it is important that these take place in the same parish that your family goes to Mass: the church your family goes to determines where your child prepares for and celebrates the sacraments. However if you still wish for your child to have his/her sacramental preparation in the parish you will have to get a letter of permission from your pastor for your child to receive the sacrament at St. Bartholomew Parish. **If you are NOT registered anywhere kindly fill-out the parish Registration Form and email to the parish office. A donation envelope will be assigned to you.**

Sacramental events are parish events and **NOT** school events; although we hope the schools support and encourage their students as much as possible to live out their Catholic faith and to support them in these milestones of initiation into the church.

As sacramental preparation is a parish event, as such, we do not take into account the school's students attend in the organization of classes and liturgical celebrations.

DOCUMENTS TO BRING DURING THE REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

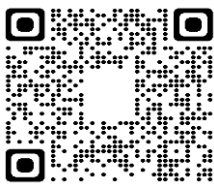
- ❖ **Make sure that you submit photocopy-** keep the original documents with you
 - COMPLETED SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FORM (See parish website)
 - PHOTOCOPY OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE OF THE CHILD
(If the child is not yet Baptized or Baptized in other Christian denomination speak with the pastor)
 - Donation (\$100 cash or cheque) to defray for the cost of all the materials used in the sacramental program. If the cost is a concern speak to the pastor.

Additional Documents for Confirmation Candidates

- **Photocopy of the candidate's First Holy Communion Certificate.** If the certificate has been misplaced, please contact the parish where the child received First Holy Communion and request a letter confirming the reception of the Sacrament. As First Holy Communion is a Sacrament received only once, replacement certificates are generally not issued.
- Completed Sponsor Application Form (Forms available in the website)
- **Photocopy of the sponsor's Updated Baptismal Certificate** (for sponsors Baptized in Canada), as this document records all Sacraments received. For sponsors Baptized outside Canada, please provide a **photocopy of the sponsor's Confirmation Certificate.**

NOTE:

The sponsor must be a **fully initiated and practicing Catholic (having received Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation), at least 16 years of age, and living in good standing with the Church.** Whenever possible, it is encouraged that the sponsor be one of the candidate's godparents. Sponsors should also be able to actively support the candidate and attend required parish activities; therefore, **choosing a sponsor who lives nearby is strongly recommended.**



Email: st.barts@archtoronto.org Website: stbartholomewssc.archtoronto.org

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

All sacramental preparation dates are communicated during the first week of June 2026, prior to the summer break, to allow families sufficient time to plan accordingly and fulfill their commitment to the program.

2026		
ACTIVITIES/SESSIONS	FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION	CONFIRMATION
NOTE: SEPTEMBER 07, 2026- LABOUR DAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 – 1 ST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	NEW BEGINNING (BOOK)	MAKING A CHOICE (BOOK)
INFORMATION/REGISTRATION	SEPT 12, 2026 @ 10 A.M. (We only give one information session in a year. If you miss this you will have to wait for next year)	SEPT 12, 2026 @ 1 P.M. (We only give one information session in a year. If you miss this you will have to wait for next year)
SESSION DAY & TIME	SATURDAYS @ 3:30PM-4:30PM	SUNDAYS 12:30PM-2:00PM MUST ATTEND THE 11:15AM MASS
1 st session	OCTOBER 03	OCTOBER 04
THANKSGIVING WEEKEND OCTOBER 10-11, 2026 – NO SESSION		
2 nd session	OCTOBER 17	OCTOBER 18
3 rd session	NOVEMBER 07	NOVEMBER 8 INTERVIEW & TALK WITH THE PASTOR
4 th session	NOVEMBER 21	NOVEMBER 22
5 th session	NOVEMBER 28	NOVEMBER 29
RITE OF ENROLLMENT (MANDATORY)	DECEMBER 05 @ 5 P.M. MASS	DECEMBER 06 @ 11:15 A.M. MASS
REHEARSAL CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION	DECEMBER 12 & 19 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT	DECEMBER 13 RIGHT AFTER THE 11:15 MASS LESSONS AND CAROLS
CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION	CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DECEMBER 24 2026- 5:00 P.M.	LESSON AND CAROLS FRIDAY EVENING-DECEMBER 18 2026 @ 6:30 P.M.
CHRISTMAS BREAK – DECEMBER 21, 2026-JANUARY 1, 2027 – NO SESSION		
2027		
6 th session	JANUARY 9 REVIEW AND PREPARATION FOR CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	JANUARY 10
CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION	JANUARY 16, 2027 @ 10:00 AM	JANUARY 16 & 17, 2027 after each Mass (see altar serving sched)
7 th session	JANUARY 23 HOLY COMMUNION LESSONS	JANUARY 24 (Session 7 & interview and talk with pastor)
8 th session	FEBRUARY 06	FEBRUARY 07
9 th session	FEBRUARY 20	FEBRUARY 21
10 th session	FEBRUARY 27	FEBRUARY 28
REHEARSAL (MIME & STATIONS OF THE CROSS)	MARCH 6 MIME STATIONS OF THE CROSS	MARCH 7 STATIONS OF THE CROSS
MARCH BREAK – MARCH 15-19, 2027 – NO SESSION		
HOLY WEEK MARCH 21-28, 2027		
STATIONS OF THE CROSS	MARCH 26, 2027 GOOD FRIDAY @ 1:00 P.M.	MARCH 12, 2027 (FRIDAY) 6:00 P.M. RECITATION OF THE ROSARY 7:00 P.M.- CONFIRMANDS LEAD THE COMMUNITY OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS- REFLECTION *ALL PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIAN & SPONSOR MUST ATTEND
11 th & 12 th session	APRIL 10 Distribute materials for banners	APRIL 11 INTERVIEW & TALK WITH THE PASTOR
REHEARSAL	APRIL 17 @ 4pm	APRIL 18 @ 10am
CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS	APRIL 24, 2027 SATURDAY @ 5 P.M.	APRIL 25, 2027 SUNDAY @ 1:00PM

Schedule is subject to change.