

## SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Parents,

On behalf of Monsignor Owen, and myself, Father Fraser, we welcome you to Saint Patrick's Parish and back to school for your children. We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer!

Few moments are as meaningful in a child's journey of faith as the day they make their first Confession, receive first Holy Communion and the day they are sealed with the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Each year, Saint Patrick's Parish looks forward to accompanying you and your children in their preparation for these Sacraments. In celebrating God's mercy and knowing themselves loved, welcomed and reconciled in Confession, and by receiving the Eucharist for the first time, your child will be welcomed more deeply into the mystery of Christ's presence among us. In Confirmation, they will be strengthened with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live their faith with courage and joy. These are not simply milestones, but profound encounters with God's grace that will continue to nourish and guide them throughout their lives.

We warmly invite you to register your child in this year's preparation program for first Reconciliation, first Holy Communion, and Confirmation. With you, we look forward to helping the next generation take these important steps in their Catholic faith.

Father Fraser McLaren  
Associate Pastor

Families with children starting Grade 2 or 7 this September (or older children who have yet to receive these Sacraments), are asked to **prepare a copy of the children's Baptism certificate**, available from the church where they were Baptized. This will be a requirement for registering for the Sacraments. Families with children Baptized here at Saint Patrick's do not need to provide a copy of the certificate.

First Communion preparations consist of Sunday Mass, parents' meetings, and at-home activities.

*Families with children preparing for First Communion are encouraged to take advantage of the Children's Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Mass.*

Confirmation preparations consist of Sunday Mass and Candidates' meetings.

*Students preparing for Confirmation are highly encouraged to participate in the activities of the Saint Patrick's Youth Ministry.*

## INFORMATION MEETING FOR THE SACRAMENTS



FIRST COMMUNION  
open to children in Grade 2 or older

**TUESDAY**  
**23 SEPTEMBER 2025**



CONFIRMATION  
open to students in Grade 7 or older

**WEDNESDAY**  
**24 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**begins with Mass at 7:00 p.m. on each day**

*Registration forms will be handed out at the meeting.*

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE EVENING FOR YOUR SACRAMENT GROUP, YOU **MAY** ATTEND THE OTHER EVENING.

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