



# LONDON EAST CENTRAL CATHOLIC FAMILY OF PARISHES

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA – ST. MARY – ST. PATRICK

August 26, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As your child begins 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in the 2024/25 school year, he/she also enters into a very special year in his/her faith journey.

With great joy and anticipation, our Family of Parishes looks forward to working closely with you, the parents, to prepare your child, who has been **baptized** in the Roman Catholic faith, for his/her **First Reconciliation** and **First Holy Communion**. As your child's first and foremost teacher of the faith, your help and support are crucial!

**Our 2024/25 formation program will consist of two steps:**

1. Formation Sessions for Parents
2. Formation Sessions for Children

**Registration** is now open and will close on Thursday, **November 30, 2025**. Please fill out the necessary form on our website [www.FamilyOfParishes.ca](http://www.FamilyOfParishes.ca), under the “**Registration**” menu under a link called “**Registration and program details for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion.**”

To help cover the cost of the program, we ask that a fee of \$50.00 is submitted along with your registration form (*please, let our office know if this is a financial hardship for your family*).

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **Parent's Orientation Meeting**

Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm, **OR** Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am, **OR** Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15 pm at the parish hall at Our Lady of Czestochowa (419 Hill Street). Meeting length: 1 hour

### **Parent's Formation Session**

**At least one** of the child's parents is **required** to attend Parent's Formation Sessions, which will take place on selected Mondays: Jan 6, Jan 13, Feb 3, Feb 10, Mar 3, Mar 24, Apr 7 from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Our Lady of Czestochowa.

Please note that Parent's Formation is for parents only. Children will have their own classes starting in January 2025.

## **Children's Formation Sessions**

All classes will be done in English, and they take place at Our Lady of Czestochowa church in the Parish Hall. In order to allow an unrestricted number of children per class, we are asking that parents volunteer to be present during the class whenever possible. A sign-up sheet will be provided at the parent's formation session.

<b>Option 1</b>	Fridays	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Jan 10, Jan 17, Jan 24, Feb 7, Feb 21, Feb 28, Mar 7, Mar 21, Mar 28, Apr 4
<b>Option 2</b>	Saturdays	10:00 am - 11:00 am	Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 25, Feb 8, Feb 22, Mar 1, Mar 8, Mar 22, Mar 29, Apr 5
<b>Option 3</b>	Saturdays	12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 25, Feb 8, Feb 22, Mar 1, Mar 8, Mar 22, Mar 29, Apr 5

**First Reconciliation** for all children will take place on **Apr 26, 2025, at 10 am at Our Lady of Czestochowa church.**

### **Rehearsals for First Holy Communion Celebrations:**

St. Patrick's church: 10:00 am, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025  
Our Lady of Czestochowa church: 10:00 am, May 10, 2025  
St. Mary's church: 10:00 am, May 24, 2025

### **First Holy Communion Celebrations:**

St. Patrick's church: 12:00 pm Mass, May 4, 2025  
Our Lady of Czestochowa church: 12:00 pm Mass, May 11, 2025 (Bilingual)  
St. Mary's church: 12:00 pm Mass, May 25, 2024

Our prayers are with you and your family as you continue to grow together in faith.  
May God's blessings be with you!

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