



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH

63 Highway 20 East, Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada L8J 2W9

FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION 2023

NEW LOCATION!!!

**Bishop Ryan Secondary School
1824 Rymal Rd E
Stoney Creek, ON L0R 1P0**

Due to renovations at Assumption Church, we have moved the First Communions to the **Theatre of Bishop Ryan Secondary School**. The children will be seated on the altar/stage with their class. Parents, family, and friends will be seated in the body of the church/theatre. There is ample seating in the church/theatre, so there is no limit to the guests you can bring.

First Communion Dates and Times

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| Saturday April 15 th | 9:30am | St. Mark |
| | 11:00am | St. Paul |
| | 1:30pm | St. James |
| Saturday April 22 nd | 9:30am | St. Matthew |
| | 11:00am | Our Lady of Hope |
| | 1:30pm | Our Lady of the Assumption - <i>Mr. Furlanetto's Class(2A)</i> - <i>Mrs. Burnett's Class(2B)</i> |
| | 3:00pm | Our Lady of the Assumption - <i>Mrs Flammini-Jones' Class (2C)</i> - <i>Mrs. Uhler's Class (1/2A)</i> |
| | | All other Schools |
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REGISTRATION

Registration is currently closed. Please call the Parish for any inquires.

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ARRIVAL

- Please arrive no more than 20 mins early to allow time for seating. Note that the previous mass needs time to exit the church/theatre before you can enter.
- Park at the back parking lot of the school.
- There will be a sign to guide you on the entrance you are to use.
- You will be greeted at the back entrance by one of our staff. They will ask for your child's name and will direct them to where the class is gathering.
- All the first communicants will sit together on the altar/stage with their teachers. The seating arrangements will be rehearsed ahead of time with the schools. Parents and family can sit in the body of the church/theatre.

THE CEREMONY

The celebration will be like a usual Mass with the following adaptations:

- When it comes time for communion, please remain in your pew. All the first communicants will receive communion first before the rest of the congregation receives.
- To receive communion, your child places their left hand over their right (palms open) and holds them up to the priest. The priest will place the host on their left hand. Using their right hand, they can pick up the host and place it immediately into their mouth.
- The priest will say, "The body of Christ" and your child will respond, "Amen" as usual.
- Once all the children have received, the rest of the congregation will follow the directions of the ushers.

PICTURES

You are welcome to take pictures outside of the church before or after the celebration. We ask that you refrain from taking pictures during the celebration. Opportunities for an informal group picture will take place after the Mass on the steps outside the theatre.

OTHER THINGS

- There is no official dress code for First Communion. Generally, children wear their Sunday best.
- If your child has special needs and requires accommodations, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate. Please note that the children will be brought onto the altar as a group using the backstage door. This path has no stairs and is wheelchair accessible.