



Holy Family

Roman Catholic Parish

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Welcome to the 2011 – 2012 School Year

Preparing to Celebrate the Sacraments at Holy Family Parish

The Church takes the preparation for, and celebration of, the sacraments very seriously because these celebrations are of the utmost importance in the life of the Church and each of its members.

At the time of baptism parents declare their intention to assume responsibility as the first teachers of their children in the ways of the faith. The local church (the parish) assists the parents in their vocation and the Catholic schools provide education in a setting where Catholic Christian values are taught and reflected throughout the day.

The immediate preparation for the sacraments is the responsibility of the parents and the parish and it takes place at the parish. All parents / guardians wishing to prepare their child to celebrate either Confirmation or First Communion are asked to attend an important information meeting. We ask that you arrange for child care so that you may participate in the meeting without distraction.

It is **very important** that you attend the information meeting because details will be provided regarding registration and future gatherings. **All meetings will be held in the church.**

All families who wish to prepare their child(ren) to celebrate one or more of the sacraments is asked to review the following information carefully. If you have any questions regarding the meetings please contact Catherine, parish catechist at (905) 857-1938 or by email: catherine.ecker@holyfamilybolton.ca

Baptism for Children in School

Baptism is the first Sacrament of Initiation and it is the sacrament that prepares us to celebrate Confirmation and First Eucharist. If your child is **not baptized** or if your child was baptized in **another Christian Church** (Anglican, Lutheran, etc) and you would like your child to be a member of the Catholic Church please call the parish 905 857 1938 and leave a message for the parish catechist, Catherine Ecker or by email at catherine.ecker@holyfamilybolton.ca

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