IMPORTANT DATES

PARENT MEETING

Parent Meeting will be held at St. Dominic Church from 7:00pm to 8:00pm on:

Thursday November 12, 2026
for both St. Nicholas, St. Dominic School and students from other schools

REGISTRATION & COMMITMENT MASS

Register online, please visit the parish website:
www.saintdominic.ca/sacraments

Commitment Mass: February 20 & 21, 2027
(Compulsory) 5:00pm | 9:00am | 11:00am

Registration Deadline: March 1, 2027
Please respect the registration deadline. For any questions and concerns, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH PREPARATION DATES

We ask that all students preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion attend 2 preparation opportunities provided by St. Dominic Parish on:

Thursday February 11, 2027 | 7:00pm

Thursday April 1, 2027 | 7:00pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Thursday March 11, 2027 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm

for St. Nicholas, St. Dominic School and students from other schools

CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION

- Saturday April 10, 2027 - 10:00 a.m. | St. Dominic School
- Saturday April 17, 2027 - 10:00 a.m. | St. Nicholas School

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am
	11:00am

**Children's Liturgy is offered at this mass*

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First Reconciliation & First Communion



SAINT DOMINIC PARISH OAKVILLE

2026 - 2027

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

A warm welcome to Saint Dominic Parish! The children in grade 2 and the older ones, who missed it, are invited to enter into a special and loving relationship with Jesus, our risen Lord, through the celebration of the sacraments of First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion (Eucharist). Parents and our parish community, together with the school community, work together to prepare children to understand that they are members of God's family and beautiful in His sight.

At Baptism, your child was welcomed into the family of the Church. The sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion help us, as children of God, to unite our hearts to God and each other. In the sacrament of Reconciliation, we honestly acknowledge the times we have sinned and have not loved as we should, and God brings peace to our hearts and to our relationships by granting us forgiveness. In the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, the Lord enters into communion with us and feeds us with His sacred Body and Blood, the greatest gift we can ever receive.

As parents, please know that the most important part of your child's preparation is your faithful worship together at Holy Mass each Sunday. I am delighted to accompany you and your child in their sacramental preparation for Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone at 905-827-2373 or by email at rmiranda@hamiltondiocese.com

5 WAYS TO PREPARE FOR FIRST COMMUNION

1 HELP YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MASS

Encourage your child to pay attention to the Mass and pray the prayers along with you.

2 EXPLORE WITH YOUR CHILD WHAT SCRIPTURE TEACHES US ABOUT THE EUCHARIST

The Eucharist is foreshadowed in the Old Testament, and is made explicit in the Gospels and epistles of the New Testament. Here are a few passages:

- Genesis 14:18-20 - Melchizedek's Offering
- Exodus 16 - Manna from Heaven
- John 6:22-59 - Jesus Giving of Himself
- Matthew 26:17-30 - Jesus Celebrates Passover

3 SPEND TIME IN FAMILY PRAYER

The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls the family "the Domestic Church" (1656). Thus, parents have a responsibility to set an example by taking time for personal prayer and making family prayer a regular practice.

4 EXPLAIN THE EUCHARIST IN TERMS THAT ARE EASY FOR A CHILD TO UNDERSTAND

- The friendship of Jesus - just as we love our friends, Jesus loves us. Through the Eucharist, He made it possible for us to be with Him (John 15:15).
- The "spiritual food" they will receive through the offering of bread and wine. Just as food nourishes the body, Jesus nourishes our soul through the Eucharist.

5 BE THE EXAMPLE

Parents are the example for their son or daughter. Teach your children to focus on preparing their hearts, minds, and souls for this special day.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who may receive Holy Communion?

Any baptized Catholic in grade 2 (or older), who has been properly prepared, and who desires to receive the Lord in this sacrament.

What is required of a full registration?

1. Completed Registration Form
2. A copy of your child's Catholic Baptismal Certificate *(Even if baptized at St. Dominic Parish)*
3. Attendance to the Commitment Mass *(signing a form at the scheduled mass dates)*
4. *Attendance at all Parish preparation related events (meetings, preparations, retreats, etc.)*

What is expected of parents?

Parents are expected to worship with their child at Mass each Sunday. Also, please make an effort to spend some time weekly with your child to go through their study materials. Parents are the first and the best educators in faith.

My child is not enrolled in an HCDSB School?

Please contact Michael at the Parish Office to arrange Sacramental Preparation for your child.

My child is not baptized Catholic?

Please contact Fr. Miranda or Michael at the Parish Office to arrange the Baptism or learn more.

"The Eucharist is the Source & Summit of Christian life"

- Lumen Gentium, 11