

# Saint Luke the Evangelist

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Dear Parents,

On behalf of all our Parish Staff, I want to welcome you back to Mass. You and your families have been greatly missed. Thank you for following the guidelines while attending Mass. The guidelines are on the back of this letter.

Our Religious Education Program represents more than religious instruction for children. We believe in extending the classroom experience to the worship life of the community, to the life of the child at school, at home or with friends, and into the larger community.

## **GOALS OF THE PROGRAM:**

- Inspiring students to search for truth as they journey through life.
- Enabling students to believe what they learn and live what they believe through prayer, worship and service.
- Enhancing our Parish faith community in its pursuit of the building of God's Kingdom.

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:**

**First Reconciliation:** First Reconciliation preparation typically takes place in Grade 2, with the sacrament celebrated on the day of the retreat. Completion of a home-based program will engage the child's heart and mind through multiple prayer opportunities and unique interactive elements. A Sunday retreat experience for the entire family culminates with the celebration of the Sacrament.

**Confirmation/First Eucharist:** The standard age of Confirmation is for students in the third grade, and Confirmation will be celebrated at the same liturgy as First Eucharist. There will be sessions after the 10 a.m. Mass and will be noted on the calendar that will be distributed in September.

Families that have students who were scheduled to receive Confirmation and First Eucharist this past Spring will be receiving the rescheduled dates soon. Thank you for your understanding.

Please complete the enclosed registration form as soon as possible. We need to know the amount of materials that will be needed; these will be ordered within the coming weeks. Please mail the form back or drop it in the collection basket at Mass, or bring it to the parish office.

Financial hardship should never keep a student away from Religious Education. Please consult with us immediately should this be a concern. Instruction fees are waived for children of Catechists and Classroom Aides; however, relevant sacramental fees are the responsibility of the student's family. **Families need to be registered in the Parish and at least one parent attend Mass with their child.**

Kind Regards,

(Rev.) Albert J. Tremblay, obl. SB  
Pastor

## GUIDELINES AT MASS

**AT MASS:** The state of NH has allowed churches to re-open at 50% of their seating capacity. Please expect that some pews will be closed off for access.

**All will be asked to enter through the main center doors of the churches,** but you may exit the building using any of the doors.

**You will find hand sanitizer at the entrance.** Please sanitize your hands upon entering the church. We also encourage you to bring your own hand sanitizer to use before receiving Communion. Even though there is no holy water at the church entrance, you are encouraged to make the Sign of the Cross on yourself as you enter the church space as a reminder of our Baptism.

**Masks are required** for all entering the church and are to be removed only at the reception of Holy Communion and replaced immediately after reception. Masks should not be worn by children under the age of 2; for children between 2-5, a mask is at the discretion of a parent or guardian, a mask will be worn by the priest at the time of communion distribution.

The weekly **Bulletin** will be available to you as you enter the church. A special insert will feature the Mass music and readings for that day. Please take the Bulletin with you as you leave church.

**Seating will respect social distancing.** Only those in the same household should sit together. Please remain at least 6 feet from anyone not in your household whenever possible.

Although it is not formally part of the Catholic liturgy to hold hands during the praying of the **Lord's Prayer**, it is an informal custom that many people have adopted for themselves. At this time, it should not be done at all by anyone.

The Sign of Peace will be omitted at Mass.

Distribution of Communion will take place from the center aisle. Parishioners should be in a single line (with respect to social distancing of 6 ft. between persons.) **Communion will be dispensed on the hand only.** Gloves of any kind are not to be worn to receive Holy Communion. Please return to your seats via the side aisles.

At the end of Mass, you are welcome to exit from any door—but please be sure to respect social distancing, and refrain from gathering in the entry ways of the church. The Pastor will be out front to wish you a good week, but again, please respect social distancing at all times.