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Most Blessed Sacrament Parish is a welcoming home for young people and their families!

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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to another school year. As a parish community we look forward to working with Ms. Athulathmudali, the staff and the students to create an all embracing faith community. Our parish goal is to support the young members of our community as whole persons. Gather your friends and make us a part of your weekly schedule!

This September, we kick off our three-year pastoral plan for youth and families. Over the course of the 2019-2020 year, our goal is to reconnect families and young people to the parish and ultimately our faith. We encourage you to make time for weekend Mass, a parish social or a family event.

Parish Support

Fr. Charlie Jordan Pastor

Deacon Roy Symthe, **Permanent Deacon**

Rachel McNamara, Youth Minister

Wendy Charlesworth, Office Administrator



Check out the
Parish Website –
Youth Ministry Section
for more information about
activities,
meeting times and dates.

Parish BBQ- Save the Date

Join us for our annual Summer BBQ. It will be so good, that we are having it twice this year. Join us on Saturday, September 21st and/or Sunday, September 22nd after the Masses.

Things to Bring:

- an appetite (all items are \$2.00 or less)
- Your family and friends
- · A lawn chair or blanket
- Your game face— for fun family games!



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We cannot wait to see you there! If you want to help out at the parish picnic, please contact the parish office.

FROM FATHER CHARLIE'S DESK

ONE HEART, ONE SOUL has started!

As you probably have heard by now, our parishes have begun to take part in a financial campaign entitles One Heart, One Soul.

This will continue to just prior to Christmas.

These campaigns are occasions to respond to gratitude for our blessings by contributing to the cause. You will see shortly that the process allows us to provide services to our parish community. It is also an occasion to strengthen the bonds of friendship within the community.

Please stay tuned!

Fr. Charlie Jordan



"The Lord does not perform wonders with those who believe themselves to be just, but with those who know they are in need and are willing to open their hearts to Him." Pope Francis, Twitter on August 2, 2019

A NOTE FROM RACHEL

Welcome Back Young People and Families!

It is always a joyful ritual to head back to school. We meet up with old friends or become friends with new people. Welcome to Most Blessed Sacrament Parish Community for all those new families who are entering Junior Kindergarten or new to the community. On behalf of Fr. Charlie and the entire parish community we are excited to work with our families and the school staff.

Last October, our Church had a gathering of bishops to talk about young people and religious vocations. The dialogue that came from it was inspiring and fruitful. We are so lucky to have a pope that cares, honours, advocates and protects young people. As young people, you have several choices; and we hope and pray that the faith and God will be one of those choices you decide to engage in. As Pope Francis points out in the final document from the discussions with bishops and young people; young people have countless role models in our faith to follow. Whether it is a saint like Saint Kateri, or Joan of Arc, Mary or Jesus himself; there are countless young people who have made the choice to take risks and chose the faith. This year, take risks, choose the faith, be a saint to those you meet!

To the young people....

If you feel at any time you need someone to talk to, or need direction to community resources or want to get involved in our parish community, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached before/after weekend Masses, or at blessedsacramentyouth@hotmail.com

To parents and families...

We are here to assist you and your family. If there is anything specific we can assist you with, please let us know. We are looking forward to working and supporting you throughout this school year. Let's have another joyful and successful school year!

Rachel McNamara, Youth Minister

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This ministry offers a special opportunity for young children to grasp a better understanding of the weekly readings and gospel. The Liturgy of the Word Children is held at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass throughout the school year. There is no sign-up required: just send your child, when Charlie calls them to Father the front. At the offertory, they will return to sit with their parents. If parents have any urgent questions, please phone the

Parish Office for more information.

We are also looking for parents and high school students to **volunteer** their time once every few weeks to lead this Liturgy of The Word of God for Children. Youth can serve as helpers every weekend. Please leave your name at the Parish Office.

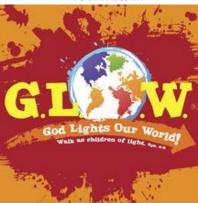
"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." —- Matthew 19:4

KIDS KINGDOM AND YOUTH GROUP — BRANCHES OF FAITH



Welcome BACK YOUNG PEOPLE! As we enter into a new pastoral plan for young people and families, we will not be holding our Friday evening programs. Our volunteers and pastoral staff are working on events and programs for the entire family. We will have plenty of opportunities to gather, be social, pray and have fun. Stay up to date with programs and events by visiting our parish website, or picking up a parish bulletin.

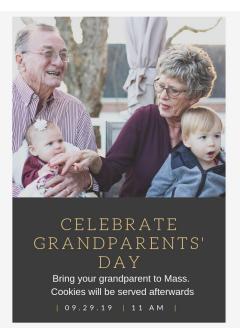
GLOW Party- God Lights Our World Sleepover.



Join us for our 5th annual GLOW PARTY on Friday, November 15th to Saturday, November 16th. Young people will explore how our world is lit by God through this interactive experience. Grade 4-6 students are invited to sleepover,

Please note your child **does not** have to sleepover to participate, they can be picked up before Lights Out. Permission forms will be available on the website and at the Church mid October.

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CHRISTMAS STORY COMES ALIVE

The Christmas Pageant has been an annual event at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Every year, youth of the parish present a dramatic performance of "Jesus' Birth" to the congregation at the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve. Older students are welcomed to assist backstage as well. Information regarding sign-ups specific and information about the pageant will be handed out late October. Rachel and high school students will

work with cast and choir during November and December. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or concerns.

We are also looking for young adults and supervisors to assist. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.

Practices begin in November.



"The Lord gives each of us a vocation, a challenge to discover the talents and abilities we possess and to put them at the service of others." ~ Pope Francis, Twitter July 29, 2019

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Under the guidance of Bishop Crosby, from now on we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation when the Catholic young person is in Grade seven.

If you are NOT a student at Blessed Sacrament School, and in grade 7 or higher, please call the office soon, so you can be part of this group celebrating on Saturday, May 9th @ 5:00 p.m.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Altar Serving

Grades 3+

Blessed Sacrament Parish is currently looking for Altar Servers for both weekend Masses. Children and youth who are interested in this ministry will assist Father Charlie at the altar during the Mass. This is a great ministry for children to become involved in the Mass and the Parish.

Training will be provided for all new servers. For more information, please contact Rachel McNamara (Altar Server Coordinator) at 289-439-4497 or during one of the weekend Masses.

Youth Choir

Grades 2 to High School

The 2019-2020 of the Blessed Sacrament Youth Choir will resume this Fall under the leadership of Fayelene Pinch! We are looking forward to an exciting year, and welcome all returning and new members. The Youth Choir is a great way to get involved in the parish and promote responsibility and commitment to parish life. In order for us to be successful, we require



parental *and* youth commitment. The choir will be singing at **every 5:00 pm Mass on Saturdays**, and practicing for **45 minutes before** each Mass (at 4:15 pm). If your child is interested in joining the Youth Choir, please contact the parish (**905-385-3570**) or see Fayelene after Mass.

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TELL US!!!!

If you have something special you want to share with the parish community (a sports award, a good grade on a test, a driver's license, etc), let us know and if appropriate, we will make sure the parish recognizes the accomplishment you made.

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday ~ 5:00 p.m. Sunday ~ 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Wednesday @ 7:30 a.m. Friday @ 9:00 a.m.

Father Charlie Jordan can be reached at 905-385-3570 or sacrament@rogers.com

Rachel McNamara can be reached at 289-439-4497 or blessedsacramentyouth@hotmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 21/22nd Parish BBQ

Sept. 29th Bring Your Grandparent to Mass

Oct. 8th Living Rosary

Oct. 31st Halloween for Hunger (Grades 6+)

November 15th GLOW Sleepover (Grades 4-6)

December 7th Poinsettia Bazaar (lots of activities for children)

December 7th Breakfast with Santa (before the Bazaar Doors Open)

December 25th Christmas Day

PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING

Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we recognize that we need your help.

We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you renewed in us through the summer months.

We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives.

Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love, so that, through the action of your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith.

Help us to fulfill Your hope for us with honest intentions and works of faith.

Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy and love to others.

We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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