

**GRADE EIGHT**  
**MONDAY EVENINGS 7:30 - 9:00 PM**

In the eight grade, students will continue to explore how God is calling them to journey with Him in their daily life. They will look at the questions “Why am I here, why has God created me and what is my purpose and mission for this life?” We begin the year by going to the “source and summit of our faith” with a program called **Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed**. Students will come to better understand the Mass and discover how it is relevant in their lives.

In the second semester, students will finish the program we began in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, **Theology of the Body for Teens: Middle School Edition**. They will dive further into how we find our true identity in Christ, looking at God’s truth about love, identity, sexuality, and other fundamental aspects of human nature. Students will begin to discover answers to life’s fundamental questions “Who am I?” and “How should I live?”. They will learn how to turn to their faith and rely on God to make good and healthy decisions in their relationships with friends, classmates, acquaintances and family members.

*\*Please note that if a student is absent from class, all work for that date is to be done at home. Parents will receive access to all video content that is shown in class.*

<u>Schedule of Classes</u>	<u>First Semester:</u>	<u>Second Semester:</u>
November 4	<i>Altaration: Session 1</i> More than Meets the Eye pgs. 1-12	February 24 <i>TOB – Review chapters. 1-4</i>
November 11	<i>Altaration: Session 2</i> Our Father’s Plan pgs. 13-28	March 2 <i>RECONCILIATION (meet in Church)</i> <i>TOB – Chapter 5</i> Sex, Love and Chastity Part 1, pgs. 49-55
November 18	<i>RECONCILIATION and Holy Hour</i> <i>Prayers for Eucharist Adoration, pg. 92</i> Quotes About the Eucharist, pg. 88 MEET IN THE CHURCH	March 9 <i>TOB – Chapter 6</i> To Use or Not to Use? That is the Question: The Opposite of Love Pgs. 65-78
November 25	<i>Altaration: Session 3</i> The Mystery Revealed pgs. 29-42	March 16 <i>TOB – Chapter 7</i> Vocation: God’s Call, My Response pgs. 79-90
December 2	<i>Altarnation: Session 4</i> What is Our Response pgs. 43-58	March 23 <b>IN HOUSE RETREAT</b> by Peer Leaders
December 9	<i>Altarnation: Session 5</i> The Why Behind the What’s <b>Pgs. 59-77</b>	March 28 <b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Mass</b> <b>(Saturday) 5:30pm</b>
December 15 (Sunday)	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Mass</b> 9:30am Mass	March 30 <i>TOB – Chapter 8</i> Hope and Future pgs. 91-102 <b>Mandatory Parent Meeting</b> 8:15pm Parish Center
<b>First Semester End</b>		<b>Religious Education Classes End</b>