

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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FAITH FORMATION COVID-19 CLASS OPTIONS & HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

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Fr. Rodolfo, Fr. Mike, and the Holy Trinity Staff are excited to share our Faith Formation COVID-19 Class Option & Health and Safety Plan for 2020-2021. Our mission is to provide excellent catechesis and spiritual development for everyone in our community. **We want to offer safe options so that all families and children can continue on this important journey of faith.**

Holy Trinity Catholic Church is dedicated to preventing the transmission of COVID-19 and the safety of your child is our number one priority. We are following CDC guidelines for sanitation, social distancing, and face coverings. Even with these precautions, infections are still possible and may result in serious illness or even death. If you have concerns about your child's safety, or your child or someone in your household is in a vulnerable population, you may opt to have your child participate in faith formation/youth ministry online. If you have questions about whether your child or a family member is in a vulnerable population, please visit the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-NCOV/need-extra-precautions/>.

The following safety procedures will be implemented for all Faith Formation gatherings.

Before, During, and After Faith Formation Gatherings

1. Cleaning/Sanitizing Common Spaces/Touchpoints

While surface spread of COVID-19 is less common than previously reported, we will continue to disinfect all common touch surfaces before and after a group gathers. This includes, but is not limited to, tables, chairs, light switches, doorknobs, and microphones/audio equipment. In addition, a commercial fog machine will be used to disinfect the entire building after each gathering. This is the same system that is used in the church after each Mass.

2. Face Masks

Everyone is required to wear a face mask at all times.

3. Temperature Checks

A temperature check will be done on everyone before they are allowed to enter the buildings. Participants with a temperature of 100 or greater will be asked to not attend.

4. Entry and Exit Procedures

A specific building entry and exit route will be established and communicated before gatherings take place. All participants will be required to adhere to this route.

5. Social Distancing

Participants will continue to socially distance at gatherings, especially while indoors or in enclosed spaces.

6. No Physical Contact

Participants are to avoid physical contact with one another. This includes, but is not limited to, hand shaking, hugging, fist bumps, high fives, or any games/activities where physical contact is required.

7. Use of playground equipment outside by the Pavilion will not be permitted.

8. Attendance will be taken at each class session. Proper care for participants requires that we know who is in attendance at all times.

Reporting and Communication

1. If a participant, chaperone, or staff member shows symptoms of or tests positive for COVID-19 after an event

- Individuals will be advised to follow CDC reporting guidelines.
- If a participant should become ill, they should immediately contact their doctor.
- The pastor, Faith Formation staff member, or other individual designated by the pastor will submit a COVID-19 incident report to Risk Management.
- Individuals known to have contracted COVID-19, or who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, should not return until completing a 14-day self-quarantine, followed by at least 72 hours of no symptoms. Individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19 should not participate in activities until they have self-quarantined for 14 days from date of exposure.

2. Feedback/Adjustment

- These recommendations will be reviewed and revised as necessary on a regular basis to ensure that they are adequate responses to changing conditions.
- Recommendations may be relaxed or increased based on the recommendations of federal, state, and local health departments.

Please direct any questions to the respective Faith Formation Staff Member at 210-497-4145:

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Faith Formation Class Options by Grade Level

Communication to families will continue via Flocknote, Facebook, the bulletin and the website.
Classes will run September through April/May.

Elementary Faith Formation – In-Person Option

- Monday through Wednesday 5:00-6:00PM
- Kindergarten through 5th grade
- Class size is limited to 10 students and 2 catechists.
- Catechists will utilize the *Alive in Christ* curriculum published by *Our Sunday Visitor*.

Elementary Faith Formation – Home-Based Online Option

- We will use an online curriculum from *My Catholic Faith Delivered*.
- Families using the online curriculum will receive instructions via email on how to access the online lessons for each grade level/child.
- Lessons should be completed weekly and the Elementary Faith Formation Coordinator will monitor progress online.
- Access to online lessons will be flexible in order to fit the family's schedule.

Year 2 First Communion Preparation In-Person & Home-Based Online Option

- We will use the *Blessed* series from *Dynamic Catholic* for both in person and online preparation for the second year of First Communion.
- Families choosing the in person option can choose the Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday class 5:00-6:00PM.
- Classes are limited to 10 children and 2 catechists.
- An online/book hybrid model will also be utilized through *Dynamic Catholic*. The Elementary Faith Formation Coordinator will provide more information to families wishing to participate in the First Communion preparation from home.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) – In-Person Option (Bilingual)

- Level 1 (grades Pre-K4 through 1st) will be offered Mondays 5:00-6:00PM & Fridays 9:30-10:30AM
- Level 2 (grades 2nd through 5th) will be offered Mondays 5:00-6:00PM & Tuesdays 5:00-6:00PM
- There will be a maximum of 2 adults and 7 children per class session.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) – Home-Based Online Option (Bilingual) Levels 1 & 2

- There will be no maximum number of students for this option.
- Video will be sent to families via email and/or Flocknote each week for both Level 1 and Level 2.
- Student packets will be available for pick up in the office monthly, and parents will be emailed to communicate directions. More information will be given by the Elementary FF Coordinator.

EDGE (Middle School Faith Formation)- In-Person Option

- EDGE will be offered in-person on Mondays 5:00-6:00PM and Tuesdays 7:00-8:00PM.
- We will utilize the classrooms in the Faith Formation Building and **only** meet in small groups, with a maximum of 10 students, 2 adult core leaders and 1 teen core leader. This allows for social distancing.
- Teens will be assigned to the same small group for the entire year as is the normal procedure, but this will also allow us to follow the cohort-based model recommended by the CDC.

EDGE (Middle School Faith Formation) Home-Based-Online Option

- We will use an online curriculum from *My Catholic Faith Delivered*.
- For students using the online curriculum, parents will receive instructions via email on how to access the online lessons for each grade level/child.
- Access to online lessons will be flexible in order to fit the family's schedule.
- The Coordinator of Youth Ministry will provide assistance as needed.

Life Teen (High School) In-Person Option

- Life Teen will be offered in person on Sunday afternoons 4:00-5:00PM before the 5:30PM Youth Mass. Teens will only meet in small groups in the Faith Formation Building and meals will not be provided this year.
- Each small group will consist of no more than 10 teens and 2 adult core members. Bilingual support will be available.
- Families are invited to attend the Youth Mass together after Life Teen at 5:30PM
- Teens will be assigned to the same small group for the entire year. This follows the cohort-based model recommended by the CDC.

Life Teen Virtual Small Group Option

- Teens will be placed into 6-10 person small groups over Zoom facilitated by Core Members as they dive into the Word together, play interactive games, and explore the faith together.
- Virtual small groups will meet Wednesdays 7:00-8:00PM.
- There will be no maximum number of students for this option.

High School Home/Family Option

- Lessons will consist of a weekly video and discussion questions.
- Access to online lessons will be flexible in order to fit the family's schedule.
- There will be no maximum number of students for this option.
- *NOTE: If this option is chosen to meet the Confirmation Year 2 requirement, students will submit a brief reflection over each video.*

High School Confirmation- Year 1- In-Person Option

- Confirmation sessions will be offered in person on Sundays 10:00-11:15AM and Wednesdays 7:00-8:15PM.
- Each small group will consist of no more than 10 teens and 2 adult core members. Bilingual support will be available.
- Attendance will be taken in classrooms each week.
- There will be no large group gatherings. All teens will report directly to their assigned classroom each week.
- Teens will be assigned to the same small group for the entire year as is the normal procedure, but this will also allow us to follow the cohort-based model recommended by the CDC.

High School Confirmation- Year 1- Home-Based Online Option

- An online home based option will be available. The Confirmation Coordinator will have monthly check in with the families that participate in this option.
- We will use an online curriculum from *Formed*, the same program used for the Confirmation I in-person option.
- There will be no maximum number of students for this option.

High School Confirmation- Year 2 Options

- Students have the choice to register for 1 of the 3 options to fulfill their Confirmation II requirement for the 2020-2021 school year:
 1. **Lifeteen – In-Person**
 2. **Lifeteen – Virtual Small Group**
 3. **High School Home/Family Option**

High School Catholic School students preparing to be Confirmed have two options. They may either participate in the standard two-year program that begins the freshman year, or a one-year program that begins the sophomore year covering the Confirmation Year 1 material. Teens will be confirmed at the end of their sophomore year. For more information, please contact the Confirmation Coordinator.

Registration

- We highly encourage families to register their children for Faith Formation as soon as possible as this will help our staff plan and prepare accordingly and space is limited in most programs. Registration opens on Monday, August 17th online on the Holy Trinity website under each specific program at www.holytrinitysat.org. If you need any assistance or have specific questions, please email questions to the respective Faith Formation/Youth Ministry staff member or call our office at 210-497-4145.
- The Faith Formation Coordinators will communicate all specific information via email and/or Flocknote before classes begin.

Please note that this is a working document and may be changed or updated depending on current recommendations from federal, state, and local health departments as well as the Archdiocese of San Antonio. We will also closely monitor guidelines from NEISD.