

Hello, my name is Carmel Leblanc. I am the Director of Religious Education at St Mary's. Last week we received guidelines from the Diocese of Austin regarding resuming Religious Education Classes this fall. Father and I along with the Parish Council members discussed the various options provided to us and have determined the best way to keep your children and our teachers safe is to provide your children with home school packets on the first Sunday of each month. In the packet you will receive the lesson plans for one month along with any supplies needed to teach your children. We recommend that you set aside each Wednesday evening from 6-7 to teach your children. The teacher assigned to your class will be available by phone during this time to answer any questions that you may have while teaching your children. You may also call Father or me with any questions you may have regarding the lessons. There will also be an assessment tool in your packet to turn in when you pick up your next packet. Parents, please remember that when you presented your children for Baptism you agreed to be the first and foremost educators in their Faith. But we are here to help you.

More information regarding classes for those children who are to receive First Communion and Confirmation this year will be coming as the time gets closer. Please remember it is required that children receiving these sacraments have two years of Religious Education prior to receiving the Sacrament. Parents of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students and 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will need to turn the assessment tools so that we can track their attendance in class.

Please feel free to contact me at 512 734 0977 or Father Paul