



Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church

Religious Education Program
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

First of all, I thank you for entrusting your child/children to us for their Religious Education. As you know, Religious Education is important in the life of children to have a right character formation. Therefore, Religious Education must be a joint effort of us all. Parents, guardians, Catechists and Priests must be actively and responsively involved in the program. We have a dedicated Religious Education Coordinator, committed Volunteer Catechists, and a wonderful staff at our service. The main objective of Religious Education is to know Christ Jesus. So, at different grade levels, Jesus would be introduced to our children in a way they can understand.

This year, our second grade students will be introduced to the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist, and at the completion of their instruction, they will receive these two sacraments. Enclosed you will find important dates and information. Please review it carefully. Due to the ongoing uncertainty around COVID-19, dates may be subjected to change.

May I suggest a few ways that parents can be actively involved in the religious formation of their children? Attend Sunday Mass with your children and teach them the importance of Mass, the Word of God and Eucharist by your example.

Prayer has an important role to play in our Catholic spiritual life. So, make sure that you find some time to pray together as a family. Teach your children some of the prayers of the Catholic Church and recite them together. This will help form a personal habit of prayer. A Family that prays together stays together.

Parents, please update your knowledge about the teachings of the Catholic Church. Since your child/children are preparing for the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist this year, I would recommend that you read two chapters from the Catechism of the Catholic Church pertaining to these two sacraments. (Part Two, Section Two, Chapter One, Article Three for the Sacrament of Eucharist, and, Chapter Two, Article Four, for the Sacrament of Penance.)

So let us commit ourselves to pray and work together in the religious formation of our children. Let us be proud partners of building up our Catholic community. Jesus says, "...let the children come to me, do not hinder them..." (Mark 10: 14). We look forward to leading our children to Jesus through Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist this year.

May God Bless you all.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Fr. Sebastian

Administrator

PARENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 (7:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary Church)

This information meeting for 2nd Grade parents and guardians will assist you in preparing for your child's receipt of the Sacraments. Father Sebastian will discuss the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. We will review this packet and answer any questions.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

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| Sacrament of Reconciliation Practice | Wednesday Session: | January 12 & January 19, 2022 |
| | Thursday Session: | January 13 & 20, 2022 |
| | Sunday Session: | January 16, 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-person program students (Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday Sessions) will be holding their practices during their normal session times.• Parents and guardians drop off students at the school building as usual for a normal session schedule.• Please note that if there is inclement weather, the Religious Education office may need to reschedule a practice. | | |

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| Sacrament of Reconciliation | Sunday Session: | January 23, 2022 (10:00 a.m.) |
| | Wednesday Session: | January 26, 2022 (4:30 p.m.) |
| | Thursday Session: | January 27, 2022 (4:30 p.m.) |
| <p>We look forward to seeing all the families come together to witness this important milestone and celebrate together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-person program students (Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday Sessions) will hold their ceremonies during their normal session times.• Parents and guardians should accompany their child(ren) directly into the Church on the assigned date and stay with them for the ceremony. Once the student has completed confession, the family may leave.• Please note that if there is inclement weather, the Religious Education office may need to reschedule a ceremony. | | |



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Instructional Mass for Parents

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. in the Church

- *Testimonial and Application for the Reception of the First Holy Communion* can be handed in during the instruction mass. See details below.

First Holy Communion Practice

Sunday & Thursday Sessions:

April 24 & May 1, 2022
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

- Please note that this practice is in lieu of regular sessions. Therefore, there is **no session on Sunday April 24**, and **no session on Thursday April 28**.

Wednesday Session:

April 27 & May 4, 2022
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

- Practice will be held during regular session time.

- Parents and guardians should drop students off and pick up students at Holy Rosary Church.
- We will be practicing using an unconsecrated host.
- **ALLERGIES:** Please advise your child(ren)'s Catechist if your child has any gluten related allergies. For First Communion, and every Sunday thereafter, parents need to arrange for a low gluten host before Mass with the priest in the sacristy.

First Holy Communion Mass

Wednesday Session: Saturday, May 7, 2022
10:30 a.m. Mass

Sunday and Thursday Sessions: Saturday, May 7, 2022
12:30 p.m. Mass

- **TESTIMONIAL AND APPLICATION:** Please complete and return the "Testimonial and Application for the Reception of the First Holy Communion" form on or before April 12, 2022 to the Religious Education Office.
- **ARRIVAL:** Students will meet in the Religious Education School building – arriving 15 minutes before Mass begins.
- **IN CASE OF RAIN:** Go directly to Church.
- **CHURCH SEATING:** Please be sure all guests are in the Church and seated at least 10 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass.



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TESTIMONIAL AND APPLICATION FOR THE RECEPTION OF THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Return completed form on or before April 12, 2022 to the Religious Education Office.

STUDENT'S NAME: _____
First Middle Last

STUDENT'S CHURCH OF BAPTISM: _____

ADDRESS OF CHURCH OF BAPTISM: _____
Street Address

City, State, Zip

DATE OF STUDENT'S BAPTISM: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

FATHER'S NAME: _____
First Middle Last

MOTHER'S NAME: _____
First Middle Last

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: _____

PARENT ATTESTATION

As a parent I realize that I am the primary educator of my child in the Faith. After working with my child for the last two years, I can attest that my child has a reasonable understanding of the Eucharist and the importance of Mass. Therefore, I recommend my child for reception of Holy Communion.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name (please print): _____