

Pass the Word

A monthly e-newsletter for September 2021
For Religious Education Families



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH
DECEMBER 8, 2020-DECEMBER 8, 2021

ST. JOSEPH
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15. September falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

Praying at Home vs. Praying at Church

Praying at Home is personal and only uses a couple of our senses.

- In church, at Mass, we use all of our senses:
- ⇒ We **see** the clergy, parishioners, friends, family, tabernacle, altar, cross.
 - ⇒ We **hear** the prayers the priest says, the responses the people say and the music from everyone.
 - ⇒ We **smell** the candles burning, incense if it is included in the celebration,
 - ⇒ We **taste** the consecrated host.
 - ⇒ We **touch** the pages of the missal when we are listening to the Word of God or singing hymns.

When we stand, sit, kneel, genuflect, bow, we use our entire body to be present in church before, during and after the Mass.

Important Dates

- Pick up Homeschool Materials
—Sep 1
- Religious Ed Starts—Sep 12
- First Holy Communion Registration Due—Sep 17
- Confirmation Registration Due
—Sep 24
- Family Catechesis —Oct 3
A link will be emailed to parents

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES—FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO—If you have any questions, contact Marie Nelson at nelson@sjv.org

DROP-OFF—Children should be dropped off between 9:55 AM & 10:05 AM. CAR DROP OFF IS AT BACK DOOR ONLY—NO CARS AT THE FRONT SCHOOL ENTRANCE. If you are walking over from the church, drop off is at the front door. The students will go directly to their classroom. See map in your materials.

PICK-UP—A catechist will lead the students in a single file line out the school back door & between the two lanes of cars to find their car. A catechist will remain at the front of the cars with a STOP sign. Another will follow the last student until each one has found their car. That catechist will wave to the person holding the STOP sign to signal it is ok for cars to move. Once the sign changes from STOP to GO, one side at a time will be let go, allowing turns in either direction.

****If the student cannot find their car in the pick-up line, they will be brought back to the school.**



REMINDER: There will be limited access to hallways, bathrooms, water bottle filling stations in the school building. **If possible, have your child use the bathroom before entering the school building.**