

OUR LADY OF LORETTO

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 1, 2021

Welcome Dear Families!

Opening Mass:

We will begin our school year by celebrating Catechetical Sunday/ Religious Ed Opening Mass **on Sunday, September 19th at 10am in the Church**. All families are welcomed to attend Mass, either in person or via livestream.

Class Schedule:

The first regular classes will begin for Grades 1-6 on 9/21. Given the current uncertainty surrounding the Delta Variant and in the interest of keeping our students and catechists as safe as possible, Father Tony has decided that our classes will meet from 4:00-5:00 PM Tuesdays virtually over Zoom, at least for the first half of the academic year. We will re-assess whether or not to meet in person after Christmas break. You will receive a Zoom invitation from your child's catechist prior to the first class.

Preparation for Parents of Students receiving First Reconciliation/ First Communion in 2022:

SAVE THE DATE! We are hosting a prayerful, musical, & spiritually rich day retreat with Steve Angrisano for the parents of this year's First Communicants. If your child is in our 2nd grade class or in our class of older First Communicants then you must attend in order for your child to receive First Communion. The retreat will take place on **Saturday, November 6**. We look forward to spending this day together. **The presence of at least one parent is mandatory**, although both parents are highly encouraged to attend. Please see the enclosed parent retreat flier.

Calendar:

Enclosed is a calendar of Religious Education holidays/important dates for the 2021-2022 school year. Our calendar **generally** follows the NUSD calendar and when the public schools are closed then our program is as well. There is one exception to that rule: **Our program will be off for the Columbus Day holiday 10/12** not observed by NUSD.

Please see reverse

Textbook Pick Up Days: We will be having 2 textbook pick up days on Thursday 9/16 & Friday 9/17 from 3:30-4:30. Please go to our office at the front door of the former convent building 1819 Virginia Avenue to pick up your student's textbook (for your convenience, please park on Virginia and walk in through the gated driveway).

Registration Extended: It's not too late to register for our programs. Space is available in all of our Religious Education classes. If you know of someone who is interested in joining us in sharing our faith, please spread the Good News!



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