

May 21st, 2020

Dear Parents and CCD students,

We pray that you are well and have missed all of you as we have been unable to conduct our CCD Program since mid-March.

This week I have received instructions from our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Dennis Venegas, that the Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller and Fr. Martin, our pastor, have made the decision not to reopen the CCD programs until the fall at the earliest. While we regret that community circumstances have made this decision necessary, we know that the health and safety of our students, their families and our teachers is of primary importance.

For our sacramental students, we are preparing packets for each student to work on with their families over the summer to continue preparing them for their sacrament. **The packets will be distributed at the church after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, June 7th, 2020 in front of the Chavez Center by Darlene Jimenez.** We have ten First Communion students and twelve Confirmation students that we will continue to work with toward receiving their sacraments.

*****ONLY FOR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS***** Per the Archdiocese request, we need to provide a list of the Saint's name chosen by each confirmation candidate by June 15th, 2020. Please, assist your child in thoughtfully choosing a Saint's name for a Saint they wish to imitate and wish to accompany them throughout their journey back to God. Please, provide the Saint's name in writing to Darlene Jimenez at packet pick up Sunday, June 7th, 2020.

To receive the sacraments, **each student's preparation will be reviewed individually and students will be scheduled to meet with Darlene Jimenez** at the Chavez Center on the following dates:

First Communion Students: Saturday, August 15th, 2020 from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Confirmation Students: Sunday, August 16th, 2020 from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

*Sign up sheets will be available Sunday, June 7th, 2020 at packet pick up.

*Youth Spectacular money will be returned to each family on Sunday, June 7th, 2020 at packet pick up.

The new dates for the sacramental ceremonies are as follow:

DATES FOR FIRST COMMUNION CEREMONY

	Date	Time	Place
First Reconciliation & Rehearsal for ceremony	Saturday, August 22nd, 2020	9:00am - 11:30am	Church
First Communion Ceremony	Sunday, August 23rd, 2020	2:00pm Mass	Church

DATES FOR CONFIRMATION CEREMONY

	Date	Time	Place
Confessions & Rehearsal for ceremony	Saturday, August 29th, 2020	9:00am - 11:30am	Church
Confirmation Ceremony	Sunday, August 30th, 2020	2:00pm Mass	Church

Our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Dennis Venegas will celebrate both ceremonies at the instruction of Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller. Parents and students will receive more information as Fr. Dennis Venegas and I complete arrangements for each ceremony.

I would like to invite the parents to accompany closely their children in preparing for the sacraments, accompanying them in their study time and praying as a family. We look forward prayerfully to our continued work with our CCD sacramental children and continue to pray for the health and welfare of all our students and their families.

For First Communion, please provide Darlene Jimenez a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate on Sunday, June 7th, 2020 at packet pick up time.

For Confirmation, please provide Darlene Jimenez a copy of your child's Baptismal and First Communion Certificate on Sunday, June 7th, 2020 at packet pick up time.

We are hopeful that it will be possible to register for the CCD Fall program on August, 30th, 2020 and to begin classes on September 6th, 2020. We await further instructions from the Archbishop, our new pastor Fr. Praveen and our Parochial Vicar Fr. Dennis Venegas.

Wishing everyone all God's blessings and our Blessed Mother's protection during these difficult times.

Sincerely yours,

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