



# CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM



## PARISH & SHRINE

### **First Penance/First Communion Preparation**

2020-2021

Catechists: Mrs. Mary Halbleib, Mrs. Lynn Barrios

#### **Overview:**

The purpose of this course is to assist parents, as primary educators, in the formation of their children who have reached the age of reason, for the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist, culminating in the reception of their First Confession and First Holy Communion. This course seeks to enliven the child's love for God, their experience of Catholicism, and inform their understanding of Christ acting through the sacraments and the treasures of the Catholic faith in their lives. This is accomplished through their personal learning and practice of prayer, reflection on the Sunday Gospel scripture, exploration of the parts of the Mass, the lives of the Saints, Feast days, the Beatitudes, Works of Mercy, the Commandments, and exploration and purposeful use of sacred spaces and sacramentals, all within the context of the liturgical seasons. This experience of Catholic praxis tied to the liturgical year imbues a physical and spiritual 'memory' of the Church shepherding them through their journey to salvation.

#### **Texts:**

*St. Joseph First Communion Catechism*

*My Confession Book*

*St. Edmund Campion Children's Missal (online)*

Assorted Handouts (to be distributed by teacher or printed from internet as needed)

**Class Materials:** Class Binder (provided)

**Google Classroom Code:** [ **ojttmw6** ] Here you will find PowerPoints, online resources, and announcements from your Catechists

#### **Important Considerations**

**Class Time:** Classes are held in Sts. Edmund & Alban (A) and Sts. Winifred & Simon (B) classrooms in Newman Hall on Sundays during the academic year, from 9:30-10:30am.

**Makeup Work:** If a student is absent, he/she is still responsible for keeping up with any reading or assignments received during class. It is the student's responsibility to make the necessary arrangements with the teacher to accomplish this task. If a student is absent four (4) classes or more, the CCD Director will notify the parents and a remediation plan will be determined.

**Additional Help:** If you have any questions or difficulties with the material of this course, or any questions about the Catholic faith in general please don't hesitate to ask. We will be available after class, or you can contact the Director of CCD, Mr. Caruthers, at [tim.caruthers@olwcatholic.org](mailto:tim.caruthers@olwcatholic.org).