

ST. JOHN'S PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



The Religious Education Program of St. John the Evangelist Parish is the catechetical ministry of the parish to children who are in public schools. The program aims to assist the parents/guardians of these children in their efforts in the initiating, formation and nurturing of the Christian Catholic faith and life among their children. The religious education program is designed to assist parents, as the first teachers of the Faith. That is why we invite families to join in the faith formation journey of their children, to get closer to God and enter into an intimate relationship with Him. The Parish Religious Education Program also provides these children the preparations they need for their initial reception and celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist or First Communion, and of the sacrament of Confirmation.

To make their First Communion, children must attend religious education classes in the First and Second Grades. To receive Confirmation, they must attend religious education classes in the Seventh and Eighth Grades (or older). Faith formation is the same as school that requires students to attend two years' worth of instruction. Likewise, the Diocese requires a minimum number of class hours per year in order to pass the grade. To better serve the needs of our parish community, religious instruction and formation are conducted in English and Spanish. We welcome children into our program from kindergarten (age 5) to Grade 12 (or older).

It is our goal that graduates of the Religious Program have an age-appropriate knowledge of the major aspect of the Church's doctrines, moral teachings, sacramental and spiritual life. These concepts are presented in the textbooks approved by the Archdiocese Office of Faith Formation. Our catechists have received their Basic and Master certification and follow the Standards of Conduct applicable to all persons volunteering in the Parish of the Archdiocese.

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CURRICULUM



We base our Religious Education Curriculum on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. At each grade level, Religion learning outcomes have been organized according to the four parts of the Catechism: **The Profession of Faith; The Celebration of the Christian Mystery; Life in Christ; and Christian Prayer**. In addition, this Religion Curriculum also includes a variety of learning activities teachers can use to help students deepen their understanding of these concepts. These learning activities have been grouped according to the four key tasks of Catholic Education envisioned by the United States Bishops' in their pastoral message To Teach as Jesus Did: Word, Community, Service, and Worship.

Religious Education is at the heart of any Catholic program. For this to be done in a meaningful way, our religious instruction is taught in an environment where the gospel virtues of faith, hope, and love are "living, conscious, and active" in every area of the following curricular and extra-curricular programs:

SATURDAYS 10:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

DISCOVERING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

(Minimum age is 4 years 7 months)

Kindergarten

By the end of Kindergarten, students will have an age-appropriate understanding of the concepts in each of the following areas: The Profession of Faith; The Celebration of the Christian Mystery; Life in Christ; and Christian Prayer.

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FIRST CONFESSION / FIRST COMMUNION*

(Minimum 1st grade in school required)

Year 1

By the end of Year 1, students will have an age-appropriate understanding of the concepts in each of the following areas: The Profession of Faith; The Celebration of the Christian Mystery; Life in Christ); and Christian Prayer. Emphasis on: Jesus' Presence in the Eucharist, Confession, and the Ten Commandments.

Year 2

By the end of Year 2, students will have an age-appropriate understanding of the basic concepts with an emphasis on: Jesus is the Bread of Life, Jesus forgives us our sins, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, The Last Supper; the Great Commandment and the Golden Rule; and Students will prepare for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

LIVING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

(3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade and After First Communion)

By the end of this course, students will have an age-appropriate understanding of the concepts in each of the following areas: The Profession of Faith; The Celebration of the Christian Mystery; Life in Christ); and Christian Prayer. Emphasis on: Participating in the parish life and mission of the Universal Church; Celebrating the liturgical year in class and with the student body, including Marion feasts/holy days and other saints' feasts; God's Covenant with the people of Israel was a preparation for the new and perfect covenant given by Christ.

Grade 3

Grade 3 students will be assigned to a ministry as a volunteer to help with the activities of a junior parish ministry of their choice in the classroom.

Grade 4

Grade 4 students will be assigned a one-year term as a member of a junior parish ministry of their choice in the classroom.

Grade 5

Grade 5 students will be assigned a one-year term as the representative of a Junior Parish Ministry of their choice in the classroom, including liturgical ministries, such as choir, lector, altar server, homebound, etc.

Grade 6

Grade 6 students will be assigned a one-year term leadership role as chairman, vice-chairperson, secretary, etc., of the junior parish council of their choice in the classroom.

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SATURDAYS 1:30 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

CONFIRMATION*

(Minimum 7th grade in school required)

Year 1

By the end of Year 1, students will have an age-appropriate understanding: After the unity of the human race was shattered by sin, God sought to save humanity in various stages (The Covenant with Noah, The Covenant with Abraham and the Patriarchs, God Form the People of Israel, The Prophets, The Wisdom Literature of the Bible, The Fulfillment of Revelation); The Pope and the Bishops have been entrusted by Christ to teach with authority on matters of faith and morals.

Year 2

By the end of Year 2 students will have an age-appropriate understanding of the concepts in each of the following areas: The Profession of Faith; The Celebration of the Christian Mystery; Life in Christ); and Christian Prayer. Emphasis on: The “gifts of the Holy Spirit”, The Corporal Works of Mercy, the Beatitudes, The Sermon on the Mount, the Life of Christ, and the “communion of saints”.

(Year 1 & 2 taught only in English)

REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION: (For those enrolled in 2-year program*)

- BIRTH CERTIFICATE • BAPTISM CERTIFICATE
- SPONSOR'S FORM (Confirmation Year #2)
- FIRST COMMUNION CERTIFICATE (Confirmation Year #2)

TO QUALIFY FOR A TWO-YEAR PROGRAM ALL FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019.

YOU MAY DROP OFF YOUR COMPLETED FORM (NEXT DOOR) AT THE PARISH OFFICE:

98 BOSWORTH ST. 1ST FLOOR, S.F.

YOU MAY GIVE YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AFTER SUNDAY MASS:

9:30 A.M. MASS



SONIA URQUILLA

11:00 A.M. MASS



AVELINA LEANOS

12:30 P.M. MASS



ANA CASTILLO

THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS IS SATURDAY AUGUST 24, 2019
AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE PARISH OFFICE (NEXT DOOR): 98 BOSWORTH ST. 1ST FLOOR, S.F.

FIND MORE REGISTRATION FORMS IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 415-334-4646; E-MAIL: saintjohn.re@gmail.com