Sacramental Preparation for Second Grade Students

at Queen of Angels Catholic Church

## CLASSES BEGIN AT 9:15 AM AND END AT 10:15AM

At Queen of Angels Church we honor the parents in our community as the primary teachers and models for their children.

We provide Sacramental Preparation for students in the Second Grade in order that they may receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

The students will receive their preparation during the normal religious education hour on Sundays. The curriculum utilizes scripture, the catechism of the Catholic Church, the lives of the saints and family activities.

This year the children will celebrate their First Eucharist during a special Mass Saturday May 18, 2019 at 11:00a.m.

### Blessed



"Blessed" by Dynamic Catholic: There's never been anything like Blessed in the Catholic world for children. World-class animation. Workbooks that are works of art. Catechist-friendly leader guides. And incredible content that meets children where they are and leads them, step by step, to where God is calling them to be. Blessed isn't just different, it's groundbreaking. You will be given the tools to work with your student at home using a workbook and streaming videos.

#### "Alive in Christ"

#### Award-winning online support:

The curriculum uses these textbooks in class. For a look at the content and fun ways the family can be involved go to; www.osycurriculum.com. Classes are every Sunday beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and continuing through May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with the following exceptions;

#### October 7 – Parish Picnic

November 18& 25 -- Thanksgiving holiday December 23 & 30 - Christmas break

January 20- Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

February 10 & 17- Presidents Holidays

April 14 & 21 - Easter break

May 12 - Mother's Day

*Religious Education classes will not be held on the above listed dates* 

In addition, Parents will be expected to attend occasional meetings. This year the meeting dates are:

#### October 14 - 9:20am-10:00am

Second Grade Parent Meeting

January 12 – 9:20am- 10:00am

First Reconciliation parent meeting.

May 5 -

11:45am

First Communion parent meeting, practice & banner making.

### WHY DO I HAVE TO PREPARE MY CHILD FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION?

When you presented your child to the Church for Baptism, you were reminded that you have the responsibility of "raising them in the practice of the faith" (The Rite of Baptism for Children, 109). This obligation and privilege extends to sacramental preparation. You also know your child better than anyone else, which places you in the best position to help your child uncover the mystery of the Eucharist with words and experiences he or she will understand. No matter what else is done in the parish or school to prepare your child, it is only as effective as the support received in the home. Think of this as an opportunity to deepen your own faith and understanding as well as vour child's.

### WHAT IF I DO NOT GO TO MASS?

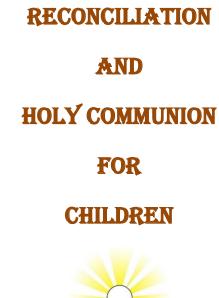
As you probably already know, what you do or do not do speaks volumes. If this is the case, now may be a good time for you to look at why you have made the choice not to participate in the worship life of the community. Examine your reasons. Is it because you have serious questions about the Church? Have you just let other things take priority on the weekend? Are you alienated for a specific reason? Are you willing to speak to a priest or someone on the parish staff about it? Whatever your reasons are, it is important for you to know that if your child is going to celebrate First Communion, you have a responsibility to make sure he or she is able to get to Mass every Sunday during the preparation and after, even if it means finding someone else to take him or her there.

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We appreciate your commitment to your child's faith formation and understand the challenges facing modern day families. It is of particular importance that while your child is preparing to receive the Sacraments, your family is attending Mass every weekend. A log will be available for you to record which Mass your child attended, or the name of the parish if not Queen of Angels. The expectation is that your child not miss more than two Masses. For Mass times in different locations visit <u>www.masstimes.org</u>

### If you have an older child who is in need of sacramental preparation, please contact our Pastor;

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