

**Sacramental
Preparation for Second
Grade Students
at Queen of Angels
Catholic Church**

**CLASSES BEGIN AT 9:00 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 Holy
Communion during a special Mass
Saturday May 16, 2020 at
11:00a.m.**

To enroll in this class your child must:

Be a second grade student for school
year 2019/2020

Have been baptized in the
Catholic Church

PARENTS MUST:

Commit to bringing the child to class every
Sunday (23 sessions total)

Commit to attend Mass every Sunday

Commit to attending parent meetings and
catechetical sessions

Signs of Grace

Created by the trusted theologians and award-winning film studio at the Augustine Institute, *Signs of Grace* is the only comprehensive sacramental preparation program for children that includes a thorough family faith formation component. Fun activities, entertaining videos with well-known presenters, engaging student guides, and compelling stories are all part of the *Signs of Grace* curriculum, helping children understand intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally that the Sacraments are a real encounter with Jesus Christ.

For more information checkout

thesignsofgrace.org

Classes are every Sunday beginning September 8th, 2019 and continuing through May 17th, 2020 with the following exceptions;

October 6 – Parish Picnic

November 17& 24 -- Thanksgiving holiday

December 22, 29 & January 30 – Christmas break

January 19– Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

February 9 & 16– Presidents Holidays

March 29, April 5 & 12 – Easter break

May 10– Mother’s Day

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

September 23 - 7:00pm – 8:00pm
“back to school” night for all parents

September 29, October 20, & November 3
9:15am- 10:10am

First Reconciliation catechesis for parents

January 11 11:00am
First Reconciliation for students

February 3, March 1, & April 19
9:15 – 10:10am
First Communion catechesis for parents

May 3 - 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 your 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.

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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 Catechism of the Catholic Church states, *“The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin”* (CCC 2181). If your family is traveling, you can find a nearby church at www.masstimes.org

If you have an older child who is in need of sacramental preparation, please enroll them in their grade level class, then contact our Pastor;

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RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN



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