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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER TO MAY 2024- 2025

- ❖ The **family becomes a domestic Church** when the family is consciously the first teacher of the faith. This teaching is by word and example. Parents must consciously live their faith, raise children who imbibe the faith, its propositions, ethos, and values. In this sense, faith is first caught and thorough taught active participation in the life of the parish community.
- ❖ **Parents are the first catechists, first evangelisers and their children's first teachers.** The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2221–2231) spells out in great detail what is expected of the parents in the education of the children. Lead through your
- ❖ **THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH IS THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST TO STRENGTHEN US TO LIVE THE LIFE AND ZEAL OF FAITH , HOPE AND LOVE TO SHARE WITH OTHERS**

WHAT THE PARISH AND THE PARISH CATECHETICAL TEAM EXPECT FROM YOU?

- Attend the celebration of Sunday Mass regularly
- Parents and candidates collaborate with parish catechetical team
- It is mandatory to attend all the sacramental preparations sessions
- **Absenteeism without a valid reason** will cause a delay the reception of the Sacraments
- Must actively participate on the parish preparation program and events
 - ❖ Enrolling in the parish sacramental preparation program means commitment to taking part in all aspects of the preparation: all sessions and parish events. If you are sick or have some other serious conflict, contact the coordinator of the program to arrange to make up the session. Candidates who fail to participate without a valid reason may be required to withdraw from the program and delay Confirmation till another time
- Email and information you provide are correct and active
 - ❖ Active means you actively check and read your email religiously. **Ignorance is not an excuse.**
- All concerns and questions must be directed to our parish office and pastor and **not** to the school personnel
 - ❖ We recognize the school community partnership in the formation of the children however **the parish office will not entertain any inquiries from the school**
- Communication must be done through email and in writing
 - ❖ Direct all communication only to the parish office and catechists

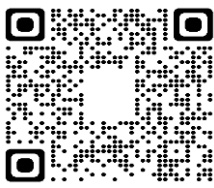
Parents must be registered parishioner of the parish. If you are not using an envelope or filled out the parish registration form most likely you are NOT a parishioner. Check with the parish office if you are registered. If you belong to another parish, by either geographical territory or registration, we would recommend that you contact that particular church for the sacramental preparation of your child. For meaningful preparation and celebration of the sacraments to happen, it is important that these take place in the same parish that your family goes to Mass: the church your family goes to determines where your child prepares for and celebrates the sacraments. However if you still wish for your child to have his/her sacramental preparation in the parish you will have to get a letter of permission from your pastor for your child to receive the sacrament at St. Bartholomew Parish. **If you are NOT registered anywhere kindly fill-out the parish Registration Form and email to the parish office. A donation envelope will be assigned to you.**

Sacramental events are parish events and **NOT** school events; although we hope the schools support and encourage their students as much as possible to live out their Catholic faith and to support them in these milestones of initiation into the church.

As sacramental preparation is a parish event, as such, we do not take into account the school's students attend in the organization of classes and liturgical celebrations.

DOCUMENTS TO BRING DURING THE REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- ❖ **Make sure that you submit photocopy-** keep the original documents with you
 - COMPLETED SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FORM (See parish website)
 - PHOTOCOPY OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE OF THE CHILD
(If the child is not yet Baptized or Baptized in other Christian denomination speak with the pastor)
 - Donation (\$100 cash or cheque) to defray for the cost of all the materials used in the sacramental program. If the cost is a concern speak to the pastor.
 - PHOTOCOPY OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATE OF THE CANDIDATE (**FOR CONFIRMANDS ONLY**)
 - SPONSOR APPLICATION FORM AND PHOTOCOPY OF SPONSOR'S CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATE (See parish website) – **FOR CONFIRMANDS ONLY**
- ❖ **NOTE:** The sponsor is a model of faith for the candidate and **must be a fully initiated [received Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation]** practicing Catholic in good standing under church laws and normally at least 16 years of age. It is desirable that the sponsor selected be a godparent who undertook the role at Baptism.



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MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE Dates of the Parish Sacramental Preparation Program and sessions are given ahead of time to support your schedule and planning from September 2024- May 2025

2024		
ACTIVITIES/SESSIONS	FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION	CONFIRMATION
NOTE: SEPTEMBER 02,2024- LABOR DAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 – 1 ST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	NEW BEGINNING (BOOK)	MAKING A CHOICE (BOOK)
INFORMATION/REGISTRATION	SEPT 14 2024 @ 10 A.M. (We only give one information session in a year. If you miss this you will have to wait for next year)	SEPT 14 2024 @ 1 P.M. (We only give one information session in a year. If you miss this you will have to wait for next year)
SESSION DAY & TIME	SATURDAYS @3:30PM-4:30PM	SUNDAYS 12:30PM-2:00PM MUST ATTEND THE 11:15AM MASS
1 ST SESSION	OCTOBER 05	OCTOBER 06
THANKSGIVING WEEKEND OCTOBER 12-23, 2024 – NO SESSION – NO ALTAR SERVERS		
2 ND SESSION	OCTOBER 19	OCTOBER 20
3 RD SESSION	NOVEMBER 09	NOVEMBER 10 INTERVIEW & TALK WITH THE PASTOR
4 TH SESSION	NOVEMBER 23	NOVEMBER 24
5 TH SESSION	NOVEMBER 30	DECEMBER 01
RITE OF ENROLLMENT (MANDATORY)	DECEMBER 07 @ 5 P.M. MASS	DECEMBER 08 @ 11:15 A.M. MASS
REHEARSAL CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION	CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DECEMBER 14 & 21	LESSONS AND CAROLS DECEMBER 08 RIGHT AFTER THE 11:15 MASS
CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION	CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DECEMBER 24 2024- 5:00 P.M.	LESSON AND CAROLS FRIDAY EVENING-DECEMBER 12 2024 @ 6:30 P.M.
CHRISTMAS BREAK – DECEMBER 23, 2024-JANURAY 3, 2025		
2025		
6 TH SESSION	JANUARY 11 REVIEW AND PREPARATION FOR CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	JANUARY 12
CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION	JANUARY 18 2025 @ 10:00 AM	JANUARY 18 2025 @ 10:00 AM
7 th session	JANUARY 25 HOLY COMMUNION LESSONS	JANUARY 26
8 th session	FEBRUARY 08	FEBRUARY 09
9 th session	FEBRUARY 22	FEBRUARY 23
MARCH BREAK – MARCH 10-14, 2025 – NO SESSION – NO ALTAR SERVERS		
10 th session	MARCH 22	MARCH 23
HOLY WEEK APRIL 12-20, 2025		
REHEARSAL (MIME & STATIONS OF THE CROSS)	APRIL 05 – MIME STATIONS OF THE CROSS	APRIL 06 – STATIONS OF THE CROSS
STATIONS OF THE CROSS	APRIL 18, 2025 GOOD FRIDAY @ 1:00 P.M.	APRIL 11 2025 FRIDAY 6:00 P.M. RECITATION OF THE ROSARY 7:00 P.M.- CONFIRMANDI LEAD THE COMMUNITY OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS- REFLECTION *ALL PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIAN & SPONSOR MUST ATTEND
11 th session	APRIL 26	APRIL 27 INTERVIEW & TALK WITH THE PASTOR
12 th session	MAY 03	MAY 04
REHEARSAL	SATURDAY MAY 17 & 24 @ 4 P.M.	SATURDAY MAY 24 @ 10:00 A.M.
CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS	MAY 31, 2025 SATURDAY @ 5 P.M.	MAY 25, 2025 SUNDAY @ 1:00PM