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## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM**

### **SEPTEMBER 2025 TO MAY 2026**

- ❖ 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

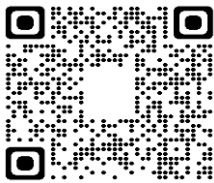
**Parents must be registered parishioner of the parish. If you are not using an envelope or filled out the parish registration form most likely you are NOT a parishioner. Check with the parish office if you are registered.** If you belong to another parish, by either geographical territory or registration, 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 2025- May 2026**

2025		
ACTIVITIES/SESSIONS	FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION	CONFIRMATION
<b>NOTE:</b> SEPTEMBER 01,2025- LABOR DAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 – 1 <sup>ST</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	NEW BEGINNING (BOOK)	MAKING A CHOICE (BOOK)
INFORMATION/REGISTRATION	SEPT 14 2025 @ 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 2025 @ 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 <sup>ST</sup> session	OCTOBER 04	OCTOBER 05
THANKSGIVING WEEKEND OCTOBER 13-14, 2025 – NO SESSION		
2 <sup>ND</sup> session	OCTOBER 18	OCTOBER 19
3 <sup>RD</sup> session	NOVEMBER 08	NOVEMBER 9 INTERVIEW & TALK WITH THE PASTOR
4 <sup>TH</sup> session	NOVEMBER 22	NOVEMBER 23
5 <sup>TH</sup> session	NOVEMBER 29	NOVEMBER 30
RITE OF ENROLLMENT (MANDATORY)	DECEMBER 06 @ 5 P.M. MASS	DECEMBER 07 @ 11:15 A.M. MASS
REHEARSAL CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION	CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DECEMBER 13 & 20	LESSONS AND CAROLS DECEMBER 7 RIGHT AFTER THE 11:15 MASS
CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION	CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DECEMBER 24 2025- 5:00 P.M.	LESSON AND CAROLS FRIDAY EVENING-DECEMBER 12 2025 @ 6:30 P.M.
CHRISTMAS BREAK – DECEMBER 22, 2025-JANURAY 2, 2026 – NO SESSION		
2026		
6 <sup>TH</sup> session	JANUARY 10 REVIEW AND PREPARATION FOR CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	JANUARY 11
CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION	JANUARY 17 2026 @ 10:00 AM	JANUARY 17 &18 2026 after each Mass (see altar serving sched)
7 <sup>th</sup> session	JANUARY 24 HOLY COMMUNION LESSONS	JANUARY 25 (Session 7 & interview and talk with pastor)
8 <sup>th</sup> session	FEBRUARY 07	FEBRUARY 08
9 <sup>th</sup> session	FEBRUARY 21	FEBRUARY 22
10 <sup>TH</sup> session	FEBRUARY 28	MARCH 1
MARCH BREAK – MARCH 16-20, 2026 – NO SESSION		
REHEARSAL (MIME & STATIONS OF THE CROSS)	MARCH 28 MIME STATIONS OF THE CROSS	MARCH 8 STATIONS OF THE CROSS
HOLY WEEK MARCH 29-APRIL 5, 2026		
STATIONS OF THE CROSS	APRIL 3, 2026 GOOD FRIDAY @ 1:00 P.M.	MARCH 27, 2026 FRIDAY 6:00 P.M. RECITATION OF THE ROSARY 7:00 P.M.- CONFIRMANDS LEAD THE COMMUNITY OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS- REFLECTION *ALL PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIAN & SPONSOR MUST ATTEND
11 <sup>th</sup> session	APRIL 11	APRIL 12
12 <sup>th</sup> session	APRIL 25	APRIL 26 INTERVIEW & TALK WITH THE PASTOR
REHEARSAL	MAY 2 & 16, 2026 @4pm	MAY 03, 2026 @ 10am
CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS	MAY 23, 2026 SATURDAY @ 5 P.M.	MAY 17, 2026 SUNDAY @ 1:00PM (Celebrant: Bishop Vincent Nguyen)

**Schedule is subject to change.**