

Faith Formation for Children & Youth Registration Information for the 2008-2009 Year

Early Childhood

- For 3, 4, & 5 year old children
- Classes meet on Sunday from 9:30-10:30am

Elementary (Grades 1-6)

- Classes meet on Monday from 6:15-7:30pm (class sizes are limited)
- All children are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:30am Sunday Mass. (participation is optional, but highly encouraged)

Jr. High (Grades 7-8)

- Classes meet on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:15pm (class sizes are limited)
- Friendship Nights are special events scheduled for the fun of it.

High School (Grades 9-12)

- Classes meet on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30pm

Confirmation & First Communion Sacrament Preparation Information

The readiness to receive these Sacraments of Initiation is determined by a discernment process during the required faith formation years set as a standard by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This discernment process involves active participation by parents/guardian, the catechists (teachers of our faith), the Director of Religious Education, and the Pastor. Together, they help to prepare the child or youth in making the choice of committing themselves to become a follower of Jesus Christ.



In preparation for children to receive the Sacrament of First Communion:

- The child has been baptized – a copy of the baptism certificate is required
- Two consecutive years of faith formation are completed
- The child is prepared for and receives the Sacrament of First Reconciliation

- Involvement of the parents/guardians in the formation process is required

Children can receive First Communion at the end of the second year of faith formation.

In preparation for High School youth, grades 9-12, to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation:

- The youth has been baptized – a copy of the baptism certificate is required
- The youth has received, or will be prepared to receive the sacrament of First Communion and First Reconciliation
- Two consecutive years of faith formation during grades 9-12 are completed



The youth chooses a sponsor – a confirmed, practicing Catholic – who is involved and supportive of the confirmation candidate during the two years of faith formation. A parent cannot be the sponsor.

Children over the age of seven who have not been baptized will enter the process of Christian Initiation for Children. With the involvement of their parent/guardians, they will be prepared to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion. Contact the Religious Education Office for details on this process.

For further information and registration forms contact the
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