

*St. Matthew Religious Education Office*

*June, 2016*

*Dear Religious Education Family:*

*Welcome back to another year of faith formation. As our parish family continues to grow, we also welcome those who are new to St. Matthew.*

*We are encouraged to consider how our lives intertwine with the Gospel message. When we share our gifts, our faith, and our love for one another, we can not do anything BUT go forth and proclaim the Word. Imagine the potential we have to bring Christ to a world so sorely in need of peace and healing!*

*Since parents are the primary religious educators of their children, our sessions supplement the formation and example that happens in the home.*

***Please take some time to review carefully the attached material regarding class attendance, safety, sacramental preparation and our class schedule.***

*According to the guidelines of the Diocese of San Bernardino (2) Safe Touch Lessons by **VIRTUS.org** are to be presented in class. This year, Lesson 1 will be presented on October 25<sup>th</sup> and Lesson 2 on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. If you have any questions, please call Religious Education Office at 951 272-3521*

*God Bless You!*

*Isaura Cera  
Director of Religion Education  
951 272-3521*

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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

***\*Note:*** *\*A \$25 per child NON-REFUNDABLE payment is due at time of registration.*

### Registration Fees:

**\$100 for the first child in family (1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>) - \$50 for each additional child in family**

A DISCOUNT OF \$10 if entire payment is pay at registration time or by July 31, 2016

**CLASSES BEGIN: Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016**

**Session 6:45 pm- 8:00 pm (GRADES 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>)**

### **CLOW Children's Liturgy:**

Saturday 5:00 pm- Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am & Spanish 12:30 pm

# ST. MATTHEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM- 2016 -2017



GRADES 1—6 TUESDAY EVENING 6:45PM—8:00PM

951 272-3521

Children's Liturgy of the Word—C.L.O.W. —SATURDAY 5:00pm

SUNDAY 8am, 9:30am, 11am and 12:30pm Spanish

*We use Wm. H. Sadlier's text series, We Believe for our 1st thru 6th graders. Children in grades 1 thru 6 will be bringing home a "Project Disciple" page from their texts each week. Please review this important material with your child.*

## ATTENDANCE

*Please have your child arrive promptly for class! Children arriving late disrupts the entire class*  
**Please save and refer to the attached class calendar.** Note that some class holidays do not correspond with Jr. High and Sr. High days off. Please call if child will be absent for MORE than three classes at the beginning of the cycle year, is he/she sick or on vacation? or you are not interested in continuing with the program? *We need this information as soon as possible.*

## CLASS VISITATION

You are invited to meet your child's catechist on the first day of class. Also, you are welcome to observe class at any time during the year. Just come to the R E Office, complete any necessary paperwork and we will escort you to the classroom. The children and catechists always welcome your interest! For safety reasons, **children may not bring friends to class** unless we have **written permission and emergency information from the parent** of the visitor *at least one week in advance.*

## SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

Please *do not* drop off your child at R.E. classes earlier than 15 minutes before the sessions begin. Prior to this time, there may not be enough personnel to supervise your child. **If you must pick up your child early, please come to the R.E. office and complete the sign-out sheet.** Children will NOT be allowed to leave in the last 15 minutes of class except for an emergency.

## DISMISSAL

*Please pick up your children promptly and meet them in the patio area. If you arrive early, please **do not** wait directly outside the door of the classroom this is a distraction for the catechist. **Only those on your Emergency Form may pick up your child and NO ONE UNDER 18 (including siblings) may pick up your child.** Children will be escorted with their class to the patio in front of classrooms 1, 2, & 3.*

**CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO MEET YOU IN THE PARKING LOT.**

**WELCOME & THANK YOU FOR REVIEWING OUR POLICIES.  
THEY EXIST FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY!**





**CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL READINESS - Grades 2-11**  
**951-272-3521**

**PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS**

The child / youth must be enrolled in one of our programs listed below and **AT LEAST IN his/her second consecutive year before the preparation can begin to receive sacraments.**

- St. Matthew's Religious Education Program (Grades 1-6) & attend **Children's Liturgy of the Word-CLOW**
- Youth Ministry Program (Grades 7-12)
- A local Catholic School

(If the child attended a program at another parish previous to enrolling at St. Matthew, a **letter from that parish** must be obtained.)

**A CHILD IS READY FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) WHEN:**

- Parent has attended the First Reconciliation (Confession) Parent Meeting and the child understands the difference between a mistake and a sin.

**A CHILD IS READY FOR FIRST EUCHARIST (COMMUNION) WHEN:**

- The parent has attended the First Eucharist (Communion) Parent Meeting and the Workshop with their child and the child has made their First Confession

**\*\*\* NOTE: YOUTH & CHILDREN MUST BE ENROLLED AND PARTIPATING**

**IN CLASSES IN THE CURRENT CYCLE OF OUR PROGRAMS**

**TO CELEBRATE THEIR FIRST COMMUNION**

# *Catechesis Within the Family- Domestic Church*

*“God’s love is communicated to infants and young children primarily through parents”*

*Religious Education – Sadlier Texts Books*

<i>First Grade</i>	<i>God Love Us-learns about God the Father</i>
<i>Second Grade</i>	<i>Jesus Shares God’s Life -learns about God’s Son</i>
<i>Third Grade</i>	<i>We are the Church-learns about God the Holy Spirit</i>
<i>Fourth Grade</i>	<i>God’s Law – learns about the 10 Commandments/Beatitudes</i>
<i>Fifth Grade</i>	<i>We Meet Jesus in the Sacraments- The 7 Sacraments</i>
<i>Six Grade</i>	<i>We are God’s People – Old Testament – PROPHETS</i>

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## **KEY DATES 951-272-3521**

### **FIRST EUCHARIST AND RECONCILIATION MEETINGS ATTEND TWO PARENT MEETINGS AND ONE WORKSHOP AND ONE SERVICE**

Preparation Resources Fees \$35 per child

*Parent Only First Eucharist (Communion) . . Thurs. Sept. 22, 2016 – 6:45 pm– 8:30*

*Parent/Child First Eucharist Workshop . . . . . Sat. Oct. 22, 2016 – 8:45 AM– Noon*

Preparation Resources Fees \$35 per child

*Parent Only First Rec. (Confession) . . . Thurs. Nov. 10, 2016 – 6:45 pm– 8:30*

*Parent/Child First Rec. (Confession) Service Thurs., Dec. 1, 2016 – 6:15 pm– 8:30*

**OR**

### **FIRST EUCHARIST AND RECONCILIATION MEETINGS ATTEND TWO PARENT MEETINGS AND ONE WORKSHOP AND ONE SERVICE**

Preparation Resources Fees \$35 per child

*Parent Only First Eucharist (Communion) Thurs. Jan. 19, 2017 – 6:45 pm– 8:30*

*Parent/Child First Eucharist Workshop . . . . Sat. Feb. 11, 2017–8:45 AM– Noon*

Preparation Resources Fees \$35 per child

*Parent Only First Rec. (Confession) . . . . . Thurs. March 2, 2017– 6:45 pm– 8:30*

*Parent/Child First Rec. (Confession) Service Thurs. March 30, 2017– 6:15 pm– 8:30*