

St. Matthew Religious Education Office

September, 2018

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 Safe Touch Lessons by **VIRTUS.org** are to be presented in class. This year, **Respect Whom God Has Made** will be presented on the **1st day of class, Lesson 5** will be presented on **October 23rd 2018** and **Lesson 6** on **February 19th, 2019**. If your child is absent any of these days, the lessons will be send home for you to present to them. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office.

God Bless You!
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Religion Education Office
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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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

Registration Fees:

\$100 - first child in family (1st through 6th) \$50 for each additional child in family.

A DISCOUNT OF \$10 if entire payment is done at registration time by July 31, 2018

CLASSES BEGIN: Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018

Session 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm (GRADES 1st - 6th)

CLOW Children's Liturgy:

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

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>

KEY DATES - 2018-2019

FIRST EUCHARIST AND RECONCILIATION MEETINGS. PARENTS MUST ATTEND TWO PARENT MEETINGS, ONE WORKSHOP, ONE SERVICE AND ONE RETREAT

Preparation Resources Fees \$35 per child

Parent Only First Rec. (Confession) Mtg - Thurs., Sept. 20, 2018 -7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Parent/Child First Rec.(Confession) Service - Thurs., Oct. 11, 2018 - 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM

PARENTS' ONLY EUCHARIST RETREAT (English) Saturday, October 20, 2018 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Preparation Resources Fees \$35 per child

Parent Only First Eucharist (Communion) Mtg - Thurs. Nov. 8, 2018 - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Parent/Child First Eucharist Workshop - Sat., Dec. 1, 2018 - 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

OR

FIRST EUCHARIST AND RECONCILIATION MEETINGS. PARENTS MUST ATTEND TWO PARENT MEETINGS, ONE WORKSHOP, ONE SERVICE AND ONE RETREAT

Preparation Resources Fees \$35 per child

Parent Only First Rec. (Confession) Mtg - Thurs., Jan. 17, 2019 - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Parent/Child First Rec.(Confession) Service - Thurs., Jan. 31, 2019 – 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM

PARENT'S ONLY EUCHARIST RETREAT (English) Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019 - 8:30 AM-3:00 PM

PARENT'S ONLY EUCHARIST RETREAT (Spanish) Saturday, Mar. 9, 2019 - 8:30 AM-3:00 PM

Preparation Resources Fees \$35 per child

Parent Only First Eucharist (Communion) Mtg - Thurs. Feb. 7, 2019– 7:00 PM– 8:30 PM

Parent/Child First Eucharist Workshop - Sat., Mar. 2, 2019– 7:30 AM– 12:00 PM

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL READINESS - Grades 2-11

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:

- Parent has attended the **First Eucharist (Communion) Parent Meeting** and the **Workshop** with their child and the child has made their **First Confession**.
- Parent has attended the **First Eucharist Parents Only Retreat**.

***** NOTE: YOUTH & CHILDREN MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED AND PARTICIPATING**
IN CLASSES IN THE CURRENT CYCLE OF OUR PROGRAMS
TO CELEBRATE THEIR FIRST CONFESSION AND COMMUNION.

ST. MATTHEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM- 2018 - 2019
951-272-3521



Grades 1-6 TUESDAY EVENING 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Children's Liturgy of the Word – C.L.O.W. – SATURDAY 5:00pm
SUNDAY 8am, 9:30, 11am and 12:30pm Spanish

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

ATTENDANCE

Please have your child arrive promptly for class! Refer to the attached class calendar. Note that some classes holidays do not correspond with Jr. High and Sr. High days off. Please call if child will be absent for **MORE** than three classes especially at the beginning of the cycle year, if he/she is sick, 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. The children and catechist always welcome your interest! For safety reasons, children may not be allowed to 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. Please remain with your child until class begins. If you must pick up your child early, please come to the R.E. office you must complete documentation from the Religious Ed. office upon early dismissal of your child. Children will NOT be allowed to leave in the last 15 minutes of class except for an emergency.

***** Please stop by at the office to sign the appropriate paperwork if you wish to pick up your child early. Do not go directly to the classroom without stopping at the office*****

DISMISSAL

*Please pick up your children promptly and meet them at their classroom. If you arrive early, please **do not** wait directly outside the door of the classroom as this is a distraction for the catechist and the entire class. 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 NOT BE ALLOWED TO MEET YOU IN THE PARKING LOT.

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

REMINDER



(CLOW) Grades 1- Through 6th - August – June

All children from 1st to 6th grade

*Please parents, remember that Children's liturgy is a **requirement** for all children from 1st to 6th grade that are preparing to receive the First Reconciliation (Confession) and Communion (Eucharist).*

Saturday - 5:00PM Mass

Sunday - 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am

12:30 pm Spanish

TO: Parents / Legal Guardian
FROM: St. Matthew Religious Education Program
SUBJECT: Program Protecting God's Children - Touching Safety
DATE: September 2018

St. Matthew Religious Education program, grades 1st through 6th will be presenting the **Program *Respect Whom God Has Made*** on the 1st day of class and **Sexual Abuse Prevention *Touching Safety - Lesson 5 & 6*** **twice this cycle year in the Fall and Spring**. This program is part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment to protect all children from sexual abuse.

Please go over the lessons so you'll be aware of the nature of the *Touching Safety* program and do this lesson with your children. Questions, please contact the Religious Education office at 951-272-3521. VIRTUS *Online*[™] www.virtus.org.

PARA: Padres de Familia/Tutores
DE PARTE: Programa de Educación Religiosa de San Mateo
ASUNTO: Programa de Prevención de Abuso - Seguridad en el Contacto
FECHA: September 2018

El programa de Educación Religiosa de San Mateo, le presentará a los estudiantes de 1^{ro} al 6^{to}, grado el **Programa de Prevención de Abuso Sexual y Seguridad en el Contacto Lección 3 y 4 –en Octubre del presente y Feb 2019**. Este programa es parte de nuestro esfuerzo para crear y mantener un entorno seguro y proteger a todos los niños de abuso sexual.

Por favor, lea éstas lecciones para que esté al tanto y consciente de la naturaleza del Programa de Prevención de Abuso y Seguridad en el Contacto. Haga y discuta éstas lecciones con sus niños. Preguntas, contacte Educación Religiosa al 951 272-3521. Visite VIRTUS Online www.virtus.org.

St. Matthew Religious Education Program and Sacramental Preparation Requirements

Please initial after each statement. This signifies that you fully understand and were explained the requirements.

- I understand my child must be enrolled in their **2nd** consecutive year of Religious Education Classes before I can begin sacramental preparation. _____
- I understand that if I don't complete the required meetings **within the school year**, I **must repeat** the meetings the following school year **AND my child will must be enrolled in RE or YM** classes that school year. _____
- I have been given a Review of the Process. I know the dates and which meetings, workshops, services and retreats I need to attend. _____
- I understand what **CLOW** is and how the tickets work. _____
- I understand that my child must regularly attend **CLOW** the **1st and 2nd** year of Religious Education classes when they're preparing for sacraments. _____
- I understand that my child may be dropped from Religious Education classes for poor attendance. If my child misses **3 or more** classes, a parent meeting may be required. _____
- I agree to make up any and all assignments my child missed when they were absent. _____
- I understand that if my child misses **3 or more CLOW classes**, I will need pastoral clearance before scheduling any sacraments. _____
- I have received the registration booklet, and I will read in order to understand the policies and requirements. _____
- I would like to be added to **Remind** for text reminders. Cell #: _____
and or email reminders. Email address: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____