

Attention Faith Formation Families Grades 7-12

FOR ALL FAMILIES OF STUDENTS, GRADES 7 TO 12

Let us pray together... In this time of courage and need, let us offer it to our Lord for ourselves, our loved ones and for others. Prayer for these times: Lord, help me... Be prepared, but not anxious. Be aware, but not desperate. Be vigilant, but not in fear. Be joyful, but not clueless. Be faithful, but not careless. Lord, be my hope and strength. Amen.

UPDATE - As of September 1, I have returned as Youth Ministry Director. The finances of the parish will be evaluated on a month to month basis. Despite the challenges that remain, we will do our best to provide meaningful experiences and faith formation for your children.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION - The Rite of Confirmation takes place for our three class groups on September 19, 26 and October 3. These Masses are only for candidates, sponsors and immediate family at the school yard. No guests or extended households are allowed. The Confirmation teachers will help distribute the information for the Rite to families very soon. Please contact them if you have any questions.

REGISTRATION for 2020-2021:

* For grades 7 to 12, registration forms will be available on Monday, September 14 and is related to the information provided below. For younger children, please contact Ms. Carol Lujan at carollujan.sjcpinole@gmail.com or office #510-741-4900.

* Ongoing formation is available for all children who have already received sacraments. Please have your children come back to classes!

* Classes are open for all children to continue, return to or begin faith formation. Children who would like to prepare for baptism or first communion must participate in the two-year process. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Teena Posas, Youth Ministry Director - email tp.sjcpinole@gmail.com; or office #510-741-4900.

* **Grades 7 and 8 as Middle School Ministry** - Classes will be held virtually at least twice a month on Wednesday evenings, time and duration TBD. If virtual classes do not take place, families will be asked to use the books we provide to explore the faith formation topics together. Classes will begin the week of October 11th and will end in May. The required retreat experience has yet to be determined.

* **Grades 9 to 12 as Youth Ministry (1st year class for Confirmation)** - Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation is a two-year process. The process begins in high school, for grades 9 to 12. Youth Ministry is open to high school students who would like to explore the Catholic faith and/or prepare for Confirmation. Classes will be held virtually at least 2 or 3 times a month on Monday evenings, time and duration TBD. Classes will begin the week of October 11th and will end in May. The required retreat experience has yet to be determined.

* **Grades 10 to 12 as Confirmation class (2nd year)** - Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation is a two-year process. Confirmation class is for students who completed one year of parish youth ministry and attended the retreat. Classes will be held virtually twice a month on Sunday afternoons, time and duration TBD. Classes will begin the week of October 11th and will end in May. The required retreat experience and the date of the Rite of Confirmation have yet to be determined.

WEEKEND MASS

We encourage your family to join in worship for Mass together by taking advantage of the options offered by the parish. Mass is held at the school yard, and everyone must bring a chair and umbrella, and follow all social distancing requirements. Masses are: Saturday 5 PM (Spanish); in English on Sunday at 8 AM and 12 PM; by live stream/replay for 10 AM Mass on **YouTube and on Facebook, with communion** distribution from 1 to 2 PM at the school yard.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION (RCIA) CLASSES

Ongoing Adult Formation is going on right now alongside RCIA and Adult Confirmation. Please come join us and renew your faith! To register, please contact the office (contact.sjcpinole@gmail.com).