



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Religious Education Newsletter

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Prayer of the Week (Lent)

God our Father, show us your compassion. Strengthen us during this special season, that we may turn our hearts to you. Open our minds to your loving compassion and help us to see your Son in everyone we meet. Help us to sacrifice through fasting, almsgiving and prayer throughout these forty days of Lent. Bless our food and our families that we may be strengthened throughout this holy season as we prepare ourselves for the joyous day of resurrection. Amen

WELCOME BACK!

We are happy to see you again and hope you had a wonderful vacation! We now have five more weeks of Lent in which to prepare for the resurrection of our Lord. Study hard and your teachers will lead you to the truth of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Our classes begin tomorrow, 21 March. This class is open to all adults (18 and above) who have for one reason or another failed to be confirmed during their teen years. It is not too late to join, so if you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them come to class and we will provide them all the necessary paperwork. All they need is a baptismal certificate! Join us at the Pastoral Center at 7 pm for the beginning of this exciting program.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are excited about our second year of vacation bible school! We had a very successful first year and this year will be no different. Our theme this year will be "Pandamonia" and we are looking forward to your attendance. We will be having our VBS program from 6-10 June here at the Pastoral Center, starting at 8 am and ending at 12 noon. There will be a variety of Christian based activities and also a snack every day. All this is available for only \$15 for the entire week! We will begin accepting registrations for VBS on 10 April. We will have registration forms here at the religious education office and also posted on the church website. We need to limit the number attending to the first 100 kids, so don't miss out by waiting too long!

FALL REGISTRATION

We hope all of you will be back in the fall and we look forward to another great year of learning about our Lord and the Catholic faith. To help us in our planning, we will begin to accept registrations for the Fall on 1 May. This will help ensure we don't get anyone mixed up with

those registering for Vacation Bible School. Registration forms for confirmation and religious education will be available in the religious education office and also on the Church website at that time. Please note that this year we will ask you to fill out a registration form and a medical information form for each of your children.

FALL CONFIRMATION

We will be changing the time for our confirmation classes beginning in August. If you are planning to attend our confirmation program next year, we will be meeting at the Church for 12:30 Mass every week and then attending our normal classes. Mass attendance will be a requirement to complete the confirmation program, so please plan accordingly.

SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR THE FALL

As you know, we only have your children for 1 hour and 15 minutes per week to teach them about our faith. Many of the teachers say they simply don't have enough time in their classes to complete their lesson plans each week. Since we want to offer the best possible education to your children, we will be adding 15 minutes to each session in the fall. The fall schedule will be:

Sunday – 0845-1015

Sunday - 1045-1215

Wednesday - 6 pm-7:30pm

VOLUNTEERS

As in all things with the Church, we will need volunteers to help us with Vacation Bible School in June and regular classes in the Fall. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Debra at 898-5253 x 1 or me at 898-5253 x 2.

TEEN BIBLE STUDY

Ana-Alicia Armendariz has volunteered to lead this group. We are now looking for participants. Please consider joining this bible study to discuss your faith from the biblical perspective. Call us to join!

Mass Schedule – Saturday – 5:30pm, Sunday – 7:30, 9 am, 1045 (Spanish) and 12:30pm