

WELCOME BACK

It seems like just yesterday when we were saying goodbye for the summer, but it has already been more than three months since we last saw all of you. We are excited and overjoyed at the prospect of another wonderful year working with you and learning together about our Lord and all of his works! Please jump in and engage your teacher and your classmates with questions about our faith. Our journey is a life-long journey. None of us knows everything about our Lord. We can all learn more and look forward to learning about our Savior together!



THE NEW MASS

There is a new translation of the Catholic Mass and we will begin using it on the first Sunday of Advent. In preparation for the new Mass, we will be incorporating the new changes into our catechism. All of our First Communion and Confirmation books have been replaced with new versions to incorporate the changes. We are ordering new books as required for the other classes. Until we use up all of the old books, we will provide the children with a card to include all of the changes that they can use in class when needed. Of course, the best way for the children to learn the new changes to the Mass is to take them to Mass. As always, we encourage you to take your children to Mass every Sunday. Their attendance will help them to understand everything they learn during class. Our Masses remain: Saturday at 5:30 pm and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:45 and 12:30.

FIRST COMMUNION

We have a lot of first communion students this year, especially our special first communion classes. For those of you who were unable to attend our parent meetings, I would like to re-iterate the amount of help we need from you, the parents. All of our first communion candidates have a tremendous amount of information they have to memorize this year,



including prayers and procedures for Reconciliation and First Eucharist. We will introduce them to all of these things in class, but they need you to help them at home in order for them to be ready for their sacraments. We will be sending all of these study sheets home with your kids. Please take the time to review the requirements with them and establish a schedule for them to study.

THANK YOU

For all of you who have volunteered this year to help our catechism program, thank you! Whether you are teaching, testing, helping in the office, working as crossing or security guards or just helping your kids study at home...thank you. We could not offer such a quality religious education program for free without all of your volunteer help.

LABOR DAY AND FIESTA

We are off for the next two weeks for Labor Day and Fiesta. This is our 100th anniversary of the first Mass in our new church. Please bring your entire family and your friends for Mass on 11 September and then stay for the day. We will have food, games, music and arts and crafts for all. See you again on 18 September!