

## St. James Catholic Church

Sacramental preparation for children in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade is a two year program. Children, regardless of age, must attend First Year of preparation before they go on to Second Year, during the Second Year, children will be prepared to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

**Orientation/Registration:** Tuesday, September 20 at 6:00PM

All children who attend Religious Education must have a new and separate Registration form filled out. Class Calendar is available in the Registration packet.

**Cost per year:** \$50/child or \$120 for family of 3 children or more.

**Dates & Times:** First Year Classes, Mondays starting September 26, from 6:00-7:45PM.

Second Year Classes, Tuesdays starting September 27, from 6:00-7:45PM.

Snack will be served each evening at 5:45PM. (*If the children would like to eat the snack they will need to arrive at that time.*) At 6:00PM, Children will be divided into age appropriate groups and sent to classrooms with their teachers after an opening group prayer in the gym.

Parents must sign-in and sign-out their student each evening. Parking in appropriately spaces while walking children in and picking up is expected.

### **PLEASE READ:**

### **Required Weekly Mass and Religious Education Attendance**

The Eucharist is a banquet. It was Christ's last gift to us before He died. Participating at Mass is extremely important. Weekly participation in Mass is expected for the family. **Children will receive a booklet with all the dates they need to attend Mass and Religious Education classes in order to receive the First Communion.** Each week after Mass, the children will take their booklets to Father Mike, Father Joseph, Deacon Raul, Engracia, or a Catechist to sign their attendance to the celebration. Also, they will need to bring the booklets to Religious Education and their Catechist will sign their attendance to class. You will be able to monitor the attendance to Mass and the classes for children and their parents.

### **Classes for FIRST Year Parents**

Parents are recognized by the Catholic Church as the first and primary educators of their children. In order to help parents prepare their children for the reception of the sacraments, Fr. Joseph Hoang will hold TWO classes for parents. These classes will be taught in both Spanish and English. The times and dates of these classes will be concurrent with the students' classes and are on the calendar. Participation of parents is required for a child to receive the sacraments.

### **Classes for SECOND Year Parents**

Parents are recognized by the Catholic Church as the first and primary educators of their children. In order to help parents prepare their children for the reception of the sacraments, Fr. Mike Walker will hold THREE classes for parents. These classes will be taught in both Spanish and English. The times and dates of these classes will be concurrent with the students' classes and are on the calendar. Participation of parents is required for a child to receive the sacraments.

### **Required for Godparents/Sponsors**

If your child will have Godparents/Sponsors the day of his/her First Eucharist Celebration, it is required that Godparents are Practicing Catholics and must go up for Communion the day of the celebration. If the Godparent/Sponsor needs to prepare to receive the Eucharist, the Church offers the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday at 4:00PM. Please Parents and Godparents don't wait until the last minute to ask for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.