

## KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FAITH FORMATION 2019-2020

### PRE-SACRAMENT CLASS (GRADES 4-8)

WEDNESDAYS, 4:30 PM-5:30 PM or 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

<b>Wed, Sept 25</b>	<b>Gather in Worship Space</b>
Wed, Oct 2	
Wed, Oct 9	
Wed, Oct 16	
Wed, Oct 23	
Wed, Oct 30	
<b>Sun, Nov 3</b>	<b>All Saints Trunk or Treat</b>
Wed, Nov 6	
Wed, Nov 13	
Wed, Nov 20	
<b>Wed, Nov 27</b>	<b>No Religious Formation Classes</b>
Wed, Dec 4	
<b>Wed, Dec 11</b>	<b>Parish Reconciliation Service 6:55 PM Dismissal for 6:30 PM Session</b>
<b>Wed, Dec 18</b>	<b>Christmas Family Activity</b>
<b>Wed, Dec 25</b>	<b>No Religious Formation Classes</b>
<b>Wed, Jan 1</b>	<b>No Religious Formation Classes</b>
Wed, Jan 8	
Wed, Jan 15	

Wed, Jan 22	
Wed, Jan 29	
Wed, Feb 5	
Wed, Feb 12	
Wed, Feb 19	
<b>Wed, Feb 26</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday: Joint 4:30 PM Session, no 6:30 PM Session</b>
Wed, March 4	
Wed, March 11	
<b>Wed, March 18</b>	<b>Parish Reconciliation Service 6:55 PM Dismissal for 6:30 PM Session</b>
Wed, March 25	
<b>Wed, April 1</b>	<b>Way of the Cross</b>
<b>Wed, April 8</b>	<b>No Religious Formation Classes</b>
<b>Wed, April 15</b>	<b>No Religious Formation Classes</b>
Wed, April 22	
Wed, Apr 29	
<b>Wed, May 6</b>	<b>Mass Practice</b>
<b>Wed, May 13</b>	<b>Mass &amp; Potluck Party @ 5:30PM</b>

### FAMILY FAITH-FILLED EVENTS:

**ALL SAINTS' PARTY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019 after 10:30 AM Mass**

*Dress up as your favorite saint and join us in the Pavilion after Mass. Learn about the saints, make a saint treat bag, and go trunk or treating! The Youth of Ascension are helping with this event. Parents are welcome to attend.*

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY ACTIVITY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019**

*Join us in the Ascension Community Center as we Journey to Bethlehem. There will be a potluck reception afterwards. Parents are welcome to attend.*

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, FEBRUARY 26, 2020 @ 4:30 PM**

*Join us in the Worship Space for an Ash Wednesday Service for Children. Parents ARE REQUIRED to attend this service with your children. There will be no 6:30 PM session; however there will be Mass at 7:00 PM for Ash Wednesday.*

**WAY OF THE CROSS, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020**

*Join us in the Worship Space for a prayerful reflection of Jesus' journey to the cross. Parents are welcome to attend.*

**END OF THE YEAR MASS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020 @ 5:30 PM**

*Join us in the Worship Space for Mass. Our students will be participating as lectors, singers and altar servers. There will be a potluck reception afterwards.*

**OUR MISSION:** Our goal is to provide quality religious formation for all our students in a positive learning environment. Our catechists are faith-filled women and men, all volunteers, who have made a commitment to share faith with your child(ren) and to teach them the traditions and doctrines of the Catholic Church. Please thank them when you get a chance!

**ATTENDANCE:** Please commit to having your child attend their class on a regular basis. In addition, attendance at Sunday Mass reinforces many of the lessons that your child will be learning in their formation class. We highly encourage your commitment to attending both Formation Classes and Sunday Liturgy. *Remember, the 4 year olds - 3rd graders can be dismissed for Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Sunday 8:45am and 10:30am liturgies.*

Please inform us:

- If your child is going to be absent from class
- If there are any changes to your address, phone number, or e-mail address

**CLASS CANCELCATION POLICY:** In case of inclement weather, the Religious Education program follows the dismissal policy of the Virginia Beach School system. If Virginia Beach cancels school, or evening activities, then Religious Education sessions for that day/evening will be canceled. In the event of class cancellation, every attempt will be made to update the Church of the Ascension website: <http://www.ascensionvb.org/Religious-Education> and/or to send out an email via Constant Contact.

#### **SAFETY GUIDELINES:**

Your child's safety is our primary concern! Please help us keep your children safe by following these guidelines:

- If you arrive early, please stay with your child until it is time for class. Our teachers are volunteers who are often traveling from their place of employment. As such, they are not always able to be here at the start of class. In addition, they have asked to have time prior to class to set up their classroom.
- Escort your child into the building.
- Enter the church building to pick up your child. We will not allow any child to leave the building alone. Please instruct your child NOT to leave the building without you.
- Inform us if someone other than the "usual" person is picking up your child.
- Inform anyone that you delegate to drop off or pick up your child(ren) of these guidelines.
- Please call our office if you are delayed in picking up your child. Children can start to feel abandoned if left for too long a period of time and we like to be able to reassure them.

#### **BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS:**

We request that all electronic devices be left at home except cell phones. All cell phones are to be put away and not used during class sessions. Cell phones may be collected at the discretion of the catechists and returned at the end of a class.

Keeping discipline in our "classroom" settings can be a challenge for our volunteer catechists. Please discuss proper and respectful behavior with your child and emphasize the consequences of inappropriate behavior:

- First reprimand: A warning from the teacher
- Second reprimand: Time out in the office
- Third reprimand: A call home
- Fourth reprimand: Dismissal from class for the remainder of the semester

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

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