

St. Patrick Religious Education 2023-24 School Year

In-Person Class Parent Instructions

Grades 1-7

Parents are an integral part of their child's religious education. Without reinforcement from you, your child will not understand the importance and value of his or her faith. The most important way to build your child's faith is to attend Mass, either in-person or online, pray together at night, before meals, and as a family.

Loyola Press has many tools to assist parents in the development of their child's faith. Parent resources can be found by visiting: <https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2021/parents-and-students/>. Here you will find information about how to teach multiple children at the same time, as well as Grade and session specific lesson plans, study guides and other resources.

For Class Students:

In-Person classes will meet 2-3 times a month from mid-October to early April. Please see the Religious Education Calendar* for specific dates and times for each class. We will meet in Our Lady of Providence Hall to begin each class. At these meetings, the catechist and a staff member will work with the students to review the most important points of the 2-3 chapters/sessions the students were asked to read before class. Please ensure your child reads the chapters/sessions before the class meeting in order to get the most out of his or her class experience.

All students will be expected to behave according to standard school expectations. We also ask all students to be respectful of the spaces we use, especially the school classrooms. Please review common behavioral expectations with your child.

If your child will miss a class, please email us and use the *Missed Class Parent Instructions* to make up the material missed at the class.

Steps to prepare for Classes:

1. Review the Religious Education Calendar* for the chapters that will be covered at class.
2. Read the chapters with your child, or be sure your child reads them before class.
 - a. Do optional activities if desired such as
 - i. QR code activities (Grades 1-6, embedded within the digital book or available to scan in paper book)
 - ii. Interactive Session Reviews are optional for Class students. If your child would like to complete them for fun, they are available online at this link: <https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2021/parents-and-students/>
3. Attend the Class Meeting.

* Calendar available in September on our website.