

The Roman Catholic Community of
Our Lady of Victory

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you and your family have been having a restful and enjoyable summer! We are excited to welcome you or have you return for our 2023-24 Faith Formation Program Year. The leadership team this year includes our new Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, Caitlin (Caitie) Levine, and Assistant Youth Minister, Peter Ogno, under the guidance of our Pastor, Fr. Tom Morrette. Fr. Larry Rice will also be covering all Masses at Christ Son of Justice. We look forward to working alongside you to create a fruitful program!

Our Faith Formation Opportunities

- **Family Mass** - Every Sunday at **9am at OLV** (*time change*) with [Children's Liturgy of the Word](#) (Ages 3 – 7)
- **Grades 1-9 Sessions** - **Sundays 10:15–11:15 am** ([Gr. 1-8](#) in Ed. Center & [Gr. 9](#) in Parish Office Building)
- **Grade 2 Sessions** – **Sundays 10:15–11:15am** in Ed. Center - *Preparation for the [Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist](#)*
- **Grade 10 Sessions** - **Wednesdays 6:30–7:30 pm** in the Parish Office Building - *Immediate Confirmation preparation begins in January as we prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in May 2024* (Please see [Schedule](#) for dates and times)
 - Preparation for Confirmation is a two year process beginning in Grade 9. Please see [Sacramental Information page](#) for more information.

If this schedule does not work for your family, please let us know. We can discuss home study options.

Important Dates

Sunday, September 24th - <i>Catechetical Sunday Blessing at OLV 9am Mass</i>
Wednesday, September 20th - Grade 2 First Reconciliation Parent Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
Sunday, September 24th - Sessions Begin! Grades 1, 3-9 Parent Meeting in the Parish Center
Wednesday, October 4th - Grade 10/Confirmation begins!

Our Faith Formation opportunities aim to foster and empower all to know, love and serve God. Through our faith we believe parents are the first catechists, or teachers, of their children. Your example makes a lasting impact on your children. Worshiping together at our weekly Sunday Mass and participating in the Sacraments are central to our faith and form a strong foundation. We believe the Gospel brings us into relationship with Jesus Christ and that Christ is truly present to us in the Eucharist.

Mass Times (Changing effective 9/24/2023):

Our Lady of Victory (OLV): Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00pm (Confession from 3:00–4:00pm), Sunday 9am (9am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word)

OLV Daily Mass: Tuesday through Thursday at 12:15 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on Wednesdays after Mass until 5:00 pm with Confession from 1:00–2:00 pm, Communion Service on Fridays at 12:15pm

Our Lady of the Snow (OLS): Sunday Mass 11am

Registration: You can download, fill out and return the attached registration form with check or cash payment to our Parish Office or [register and pay on-line with a credit/debit card](#). If you are one of our catechists, please contact us prior to registering your children.

Service Opportunities: We will be offering opportunities for our families and youth to be the hands of Christ through acts of service. We will be working with our Parish Ministries to help out in Parish & Community Service opportunities.

PARISH APP & Social Media: In keeping with the times, we like to post updates through various social platforms. If you haven't already, we encourage you to download [MyParish App](#) to your smart phone or android device by simply texting the word 'App' to 88202 then choosing Our Lady of Victory-Mission Our Lady of the Snow as your parish. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @olv.ols. All registered families will receive weekly Constant Contact emails.

Again this year, there will be no mailing sent home due to paper shortages, environmental concerns and bulk mailing problems. This Parent Letter, the full schedule for Gr. 1-10 and [Registration forms](#) will be emailed to all families as PDF attachments and is also available [online](#). Hardcopies will be available in the Church Gathering Area, the Parish Office, or at your request.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Peace and all good,

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