

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARISH

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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Welcome to Our Lady of Guadalupe's Religious Education Program. We are here to serve you and your family as you continue to grow through your faith journey.

Our vision is to instill families, adults, youth and children with the Living Word of God so to inspire them to grow and share their Catholic faith with others through their culture and traditions.

Our office currently offers the following programs:

- Sacramental Preparation for:
 - o Unbaptized Children, Youth, and Adults (RCIA)
 - o First Holy Communion
 - o First Reconciliation
 - o Confirmation
- Catechism classes for Pre K to Adult Faith Formation
- Middle School Ministry
- Youth & Young Adult Ministry
- Adult Faith Sharing & Bible Studies
- Family Catechesis
- Catechist Training

Thank you for supporting Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. Please pray for our ministers as they continue to shine the light of Christ through their words and actions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

CURRICULUM:

We will be using the parish curriculum Spirit of Truth by the Sophia Institute for Teachers for all grade levels and Sacramental Preparation.

“Spirit of Truth covers the breadth of the Catechism in a rich and age-appropriate way, to connect with students of diverse backgrounds and differing familiarity with the Catholic Faith.

While it's important for your students to understand the Faith, Spirit of Truth is designed to help them internalize the Faith and apply it to their own lives, providing ample opportunity for them to reflect on how everything they are learning applies to their own lived experience.”

SCHEDULE:

Classes are held Sunday mornings. 3 Sundays each month.

English classes start at 8:45am and end with 10am Mass.

Spanish classes start at 10:45am and end with 12pm Mass.

FAMILY CATECHESIS:

Faith first and foremost is taught and learned in the home in the domestic church. To help parents, godparents and family members grow their domestic church we will hold once a month parent classes using the Family Catechesis program , A Family of Faith by the Sophia Institute for teachers.

“With A Family of Faith, families come together regularly — growing in relationship with one another and learning the truths of the Catholic Faith and how to apply them in their lives. In the parish and at home parents and children have the opportunity to build strong relationships through discussion and reflection on topics that matter in their lives.

As families continue to come together to learn about the life of Jesus Christ, His teachings, and the Catholic Faith, they desire to know Him better. The home becomes the place of deep learning as families desire to follow Jesus more closely. Families are introduced to the spiritual treasures of the home, the domestic church. Parents can learn and share with their children practices such as grace before meals, reading and praying with Scripture, and learning about the lives of the saints.”

FAMILY NIGHTS:

Once a month, on a weeknight, we will have Family Nights to celebrate different Liturgical and Traditional Catholic events in our community. Family Nights are a part of the Religious Education curriculum, and we highly encourage parents to participate with their child on these nights

REGISTRATION FEES:

Pre K – High School Regular Catechism Classes \$40
Sacramental Classes: Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation, RCIA \$50

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL:

Children must be dropped off and picked up inside the Parish Hall- preferably inside their classroom, and **not** the parking lot.

Class will start promptly at 8:45am (English) and 10:45am (Spanish).

Please keep the office informed if your child will be absent or late.

ATTENDANCE- CLASS & MASS:

Class: Regular class attendance is encouraged as long as you feel healthy and safe. Take home activities can be requested if you feel you cannot attend class.

Mass: Our spiritual life strengthens when we go to Mass to remember God's love and promises. It is important for families to celebrate the Eucharist **every Sunday** and practice the children's prayers daily. For your convenience, class will end just in time for Mass!

CLASS CANCELLATION:

If there is inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, we will do our best to contact you and update our social media to keep you informed of class cancellations.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

We want to create and keep a safe and nurturing environment at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. If you see or hear anything inappropriate from another child or adult, please contact the director or priest immediately. Your information will be kept confidential.

Every catechist and church volunteer is required to take the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Circle of Grace Safe Environment Class. Everyone is expected to behave respectfully towards their catechists, peers, themselves and Church property.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children's Liturgy is celebrated at the 10am and 12pm Mass every Sunday. Children are dismissed to the back of the church gathering space just before the first reading, and return to their families during the offertory.

The readings, prayers, and proper Mass etiquette are taught at a child level. All children are invited to join at anytime. No registration required.

YOUTH GROUP:

Youth Group is open to all high school youth and young adults, especially those who have already been confirmed or are currently going through the confirmation program. Monthly Eucharistic Adoration, field trips, and community service will be a part of this program.

SACRAMENTAL PREPERATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION (CHILDREN):

Children must complete one (1) full year of catechism and be at least eight (8) years of age prior to this preparation. This is a family program where the parents and children journey together to better guide the child towards receiving the Sacraments. A detailed schedule will be provided in class.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION -

COMPREHENSIVE MODEL OF YOUTH MINISTRY:

Candidates will go through a minimum two year faith journey to strengthen their faith foundation and relationship with Jesus Christ.

The CMYM is a stepping stone in the faith journey of a young person. During this journey, the youth will grow spiritually, emotionally and educationally all while strengthening their relationship with Christ and making a lifelong commitment to their Catholic Community.

This faith journey will take the youth through the following phases:

- Year 1: The Learner's Phase- strengthen faith foundation
- Year 2: Disciple in Training Phase- prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Disciple in Ministry Phase (after Confirmation)- teach leadership skills and involve in Church ministries

Preparation starts when youth are in high school over the age of 14 (ASF policy- www.archdiosf.org) Participants must be fully committed to this program for at least two (2) years.

A parent or sponsor will be asked to attend class with their youth at various times throughout the year.

Mass attendance, Mass participation, retreats and community service are vital parts of the program.

A detailed schedule and list of requirements will be given in class.

RCIA (ADULTS & CHILDREN):

Anyone over the age of seven (7) who has not been baptized, or any adult wanting to become Catholic or complete the sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation will journey through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, (or Adapted for Children), to learn about the Catholic faith. They will be prepared to receive the Sacraments during the Easter Vigil. Each persons faith journey is different, so no time limit is given as some may take longer or shorter than others to be ready for the next steps in their faith

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE 2021-2022

Sunday's 8:45am English & 10:45am Spanish

SEPTEMBER 12, 19, 26

12- FIRST DAY OF CLASS

15- Welcome Back BBQ 6pm

OCTOBER 3, 17, 24

6 - Living Rosary Family Night 6pm

31 - Trunk or Treat 4pm

NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21

2- Día de los Muertos Family Night - Mass 6pm with reception to follow

DECEMBER 5, 11, 19

16- Las Posadas - Christmas Family Night

JANUARY 9, 23, 30

19 - Christian Unity Family Night 6pm

FEBRUARY 6, 13, 27

2 - The Presentation of the Lord Family Night 6pm

MARCH 6, 13, 27

11 - Soup & Stations of the Cross Family Night 6pm

APRIL 3, 24

17 - Easter Egg Hunt 11:15am

MAY 8, 15, 22

22 - Last Day of Class

25 - End of the Year Potluck & Certificates Presentation

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men.” Ep.6:7

Our mission is to unite and multiply! Here are many of the wonderful ministries we offer at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish where you can grow spiritually and use your gifts and talents to make a difference!

Catechists (Teacher/Aide)
Youth Group
Children’s Liturgy
Eucharistic Minister
Lector
Usher
Altar Server
Choir
Altar & Rosary Society
Senior Group
Hospitality
ACTS
Knights of Columbus
Matachines
Escuela de la Cruz
Cursillistas
Bilingual Prayer Groups
Guadalupe Planning Committees for Fiestas or Events
Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign

