



Family Faith 2021-2022 - Information and Instructions

The primary formative event for all *Faith Formation* is the weekend Mass. We therefore invite each family to make the commitment to participate in weekly worship together. We are committed to making the weekend experience more meaningful and accessible to our families.

Grades 1 through 7

- **Gospel Weeklies** - Each week, we will prepare an at-home packet for each family which will include, for each child, a *Gospel Weekly*. Each *Gospel Weekly* is a fun, current and engaging “magazine” which focuses on the weekend readings. This year the packets will be available each weekend for the following weekend’s Mass readings – this will allow your family to prepare together to celebrate Mass with a greater appreciation for the scripture and how it applies to your life.
- **Monthly Gathering** - Each month, we ask each family to attend one in-person gathering. Gatherings, lasting from 45 minutes to one hour, will be held on a Sunday at 9:30am and on a Wednesday evening at 7pm so that each family can choose the most convenient time to attend.

Sacramental Preparation – First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

- Our 2nd graders will participate along with their families in the *Gospel Weeklies* and *Monthly Gatherings* as described above.
- In addition, beginning in January, our 2nd graders will meet on Sundays at 9:30am to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. (We will not meet on the Sundays of *Monthly Gatherings*.)

Sacramental Preparation – Confirmation

- Our 8th graders will be preparing for Confirmation with twice-monthly meetings on Sunday at 5pm followed by 6pm Mass.
- One of the monthly meetings will be a retreat held on a Saturday.
- All 8th graders and their families are encouraged to attend the *Monthly Gatherings* whenever possible, as well as the regular meetings. (See **Grades 1 through 7** above.)

We ask that you be registered in the parish of St. Mary of the Bay in order for your family to participate in Faith Formation.

- *New students are asked provide records of Baptism and First Communion if the sacraments were received at a parish other than St. Mary of the Bay, St. Jean Baptiste or St. Casimir.*
- If you do not have a copy of sacramental records, please call the church (or school) where the sacrament was celebrated and request that it be sent to us. If your child has not yet received any of these sacraments but still wishes to participate in our Faith Formation program, please contact the Coordinator or the Pastor.

The suggested offering for our program is \$30 for the first student in a family and an additional \$10 for additional students (max. payment of \$50).

- Offerings may be made by credit or debit card online at stmaryofthebay.org. Choose “Online Giving,” click on the “Donate” button, and scroll to the “Faith Formation” option. Please be sure to check the box on the paper registration form to indicate that you will be paying online.
- If the suggested offering is financially burdensome, please contact the Coordinator or the Pastor.

Visit our website at stmaryofthebay.org. Questions should be directed to Carolyn Mello Pryor, Coordinator of Faith Formation at 401-245-7000 ext. 21, or SMBFaithFormation@gmail.com.