



## Wednesdays, 2019-2020

**Class Time: 4:15-5:15 p.m.**

<u>Class Dates</u>	<u>Special Events</u> in addition to class
October 2	Class
October 9	Class
October 16	Class
October 23	Class
October 30	Class
November 6	Class
November 13	Class/Parent 1st Communion Meeting #1
November 20	Class
November 27	NO CLASS (Thanksgiving Break)
December 4	Class
December 11	Class
December 18	Class/Sexual Abuse Prevention Class, Grades 3-5
December 25	NO CLASS (Christmas Day)
January 1	NO CLASS (New Year's Day)
January 8	Class
January 15	Class/Sexual Abuse Prevention Class, Grades K-2
January 22	Class
January 29	Class
February 5	Class
February 12	Class/Parent 1st Communion Meeting #2
February 19	Class
February 26	NO CLASS (Ash Wednesday Mass at 7 p.m.)
March 4	Class
March 11	Class/Sexual Abuse Prevention Class, Grade 6
March 18	Class
March 25	NO CLASS (SK Conference Week)
April 1	NO CLASS (SKSD Spring Break)
April 8	NO CLASS (Holy Week)
April 15	Class
April 22	Class
April 29	Class
May 6	Class

### Youth Mass Dates

October 20	11:00 Youth Mass, 1st Grade co-hosts
November 17	11:00 Youth Mass, Confirmation Hosts
December 15	11:00 Youth Mass, 6th grade/Kinderg. Co-Host
January 26	11:00 Youth Mass—5th/Preschool co-host
February 23	11:00 Youth Mass, 3rd/4th Grade co-host
March 22	11:00 Youth mass, Confirmation Hosts
April 26	11:00 Youth Mass—2nd Grade and sacraments class co-host

**Parents, for safety, please escort children into the building. Don't just drop them off in the parking lot and drive away.**

### Great Ideas for Living the Faith at St. Gabriel Parish

- The **Living Rosary** is held each year. This year, bring the family to church on *Saturday, October 19 at 1 p.m.* and participate in praying the rosary where humans make up each of the prayer beads. Hear the Hail Mary prayed in different languages, and be a part of praying one of the most treasured prayers of our faith.
- At the **7 p.m. All Saints Day Mass on November 1**, children are invited to dress as a saint and join in the entrance procession. This is a great way to introduce children to some of the great heroes of our faith.
- Attending Mass is the first and most important thing we do as Catholics. To help children grow in their role as participants in the liturgy, each class helps host a youth Mass. **All children from both Sunday and Wednesday classes are expected to participate in a ministry on the Sunday their grade(s) hosts Mass.** Please take note of the Sunday your child is scheduled to participate. Your child's catechist will send home notes a few weeks beforehand with the child's ministry listed. Please arrive and check in with your child's catechist at 10:30 a.m. on youth Mass day, so that last-minute directions can be given.
- Please see the letter on reverse about our annual Sexual Abuse Prevention training requirement for all students in grades K-12.

*If roads are snowy/icy, please call [360-876-2762](tel:360-876-2762), extension 111 to see if classes have been canceled. A message will be on the answering machine. A notice will also be posted on the parish website, [www.stgabepop.org](http://www.stgabepop.org), and on our Facebook Page, St. Gabriel Parish, Port Orchard. **If South Kitsap schools are closed, programs at St. Gabriel are canceled for the day.***



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In teaching our youth about our Catholic Faith, we have been called to a ministry. A ministry that embodies the mission of Christ in caring for our youth and caring for one another. We have not only been called to teach our youth about our Catholic faith but to do so in a space that is a safe, and a space that allows our youth to form a relationship with God.

As a result the Archdiocese of Seattle would like to take this opportunity to educate our youth and give them the tools they need to protect themselves from those who may harm them. In creating a safe space for our youth, we can teach and show them the ways of Christ in a safe environment conducive to learning. Keeping our minors and vulnerable adult's safe starts with you.

This Winter/Spring St. Gabriel parish will provide one sexual abuse prevention course to your youth. This lesson has been integrated into the religious task and essential concepts taught within Faith Formation as to seem as natural as possible while being most effective for our youth in the context of abuse prevention.

Please understand that your child is being given a lesson about sexual abuse prevention, not sex education. While these topics do have similar names, they are completely different subject matter. **Sexual abuse prevention** courses teach and give our youth the tools they need to protect themselves from those who may try to harm them. **Sex Education** is curriculum designed to examine issues relating to human sexuality, including relations, responsibility, sexual anatomy, sexual activity, reproduction, etc.

To help you understand what your youth will be offered, we ask you to visit: <http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/SEP/faithformation.aspx>. This will provide you with "Parent/ Guardian Resources," to inform you about the curriculum being used while also making available the actual lessons.

As the guardian, you have the right to opt your child/youth out of this lesson. You may do so by clicking on the link "Opting Out." Please print and return the opt out form to the religious education office.

If you do not have computer/internet access at home and wish to review materials, please call the religious education office at 360-876-2834 to set an appointment to see the materials.

