



Our Religious Education Program includes:

- Children's Liturgies
- Children's Bulletins
- Weekly Emails
- Bi-weekly Gatherings
- Sacramental Preparation

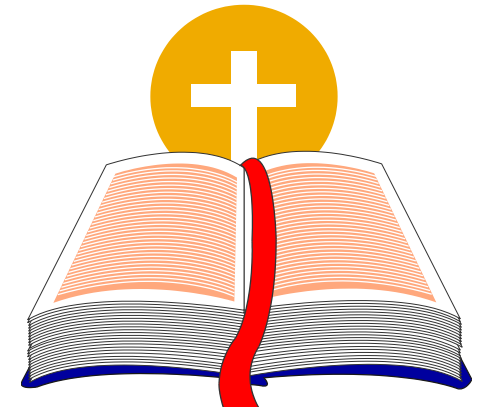
2019-2020 Program Schedule:

September 22nd - Children's Liturgy
October 6th - Children's Liturgy
October 20th - Gathering
October 27th - Children's Liturgy
November 3rd - Gathering
November 10th - Children's Liturgy
November 17th - Gathering
November 24th - Children's Liturgy
December 1st - Gathering
December 8th - Children's Liturgy
December 15th - Gathering

January 5th - Gathering
January 12th - Children's Liturgy
January 19th - Gathering
January 26th - Children's Liturgy
February 2nd - Gathering
February 9th - Children's Liturgy
February 16th - Gathering
February 23rd - Children's Liturgy
March 1st - Gathering
March 8th - Children's Liturgy
March 15th - Gathering
March 22nd - Children's Liturgy
March 29th - Gathering
April 5th - Palm/Passion Sunday
(Students involved in entrance)
April 12th - Easter Sunday (no class)
April 19th - Gathering
April 26th - Children's Liturgy
May 3rd - Gathering
May 8th(Friday) - Banner Day (TBC)
May 10th - Children's Liturgy
May 24th - Children's Liturgy
May 31st - Celebration of First
Communion and Confirmation
(Pentecost Sunday)
June 7th - Children's Liturgy
June 21st - Children's Liturgy

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OVERVIEW

St. Catherine of Siena Parish offers a Religious Education Program for students from grade primary to nine. The focus of the program is to involve the family unit in the life of their child's faith formation, and in the life of the community in which they worship. The program will recognize:

- the Sunday Celebration of the Mass as the centre of our Catholic faith
- the presence of our families in the celebration of our Sunday liturgy
- the parents/guardians as the primary educators of their children
- the role of the Religious Education Program in supporting parents/guardians in sharing their faith with their children, and
- the role of the worshipping community in celebrating the presence of these young people within our community.



CHILDREN'S LITURGIES

As a Parish Family, we gather to celebrate Mass every Sunday. To assist younger members of the community to more fully understand the gospel message of the day, special Children's Liturgies will be held every second Sunday. This liturgy is designed for children as young as three or four.

After the Introductory Rites of the Mass, students will leave Mass to hear the readings of the day from the Children's Lectionary or to do an activity on the gospel message, and to discuss the lesson of the day with Catechists. Students and Catechists will rejoin the Mass during the collection.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Bulletins, specifically designed for younger members of the community, will be available from September to June. These weekly bulletins will "bring home" the message through pictures, stories and activities based on the readings of the day.

WEEKLY EMAILS INCLUDE:

Families in the elementary program will be supported by weekly emails with a short lesson on something interesting about our faith. The emails will include links to online games that help students have fun while they learn. Stump the Shepherd, Fishers of Faith, Word Seek, etc., will be provided on the lesson or gospel theme from Sunday!

BI-WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Students from grade primary to nine will gather on a bi-weekly basis to grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith. These Gatherings take place from 10:15 - 10:45 am in the Church Hall to allow families to attend the 11:00 am Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Eucharist/First Reconciliation - In addition to the regular program, an interactive book is provided to students in grade two preparing for these sacraments.

Confirmation - In addition to the regular Junior High program, preparations will begin in the new year for those students in grade nine who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.