

A message from our Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Lora Rodriguez:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Fr. Simon, the Sacred Heart Religious Education Staff, are very excited to be with you and to introduce you to this year's program, starting Wednesday, August 17. Get registered if you are not already!!! We are grateful for the opportunity to assist you in your solemn duty of passing on the Faith to your child(ren). It is our mission to teach our young people the Faith of the Roman Catholic Church. This is an effort, however, which will prove fruitless without your leadership and example. I therefore strongly encourage you to consider the role that you play in this most important process. You are the primary educators of your children.

The task of Religious Formation for your child is a cooperative effort. We here at Sacred Heart do our best to bring God's Word to your child(ren) in the classroom. But Catholic Christianity is a way of life. Therefore, we expect you to be an example of faith and also the primary teacher for your child. The environment you create at home and example you give in weekly worship of our Lord at Mass is essential. Your support enables us to assist you in your responsibility of passing on your faith to your child(ren). If knowledge of our faith and practice of our faith are not consistent, it creates confusion and our efforts are in vain.

IMPORTANT INFO. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Parents:

As we work together, weekly Wednesday meetings will be mandatory for parents just as they are for the children. The New Saint Joseph Baltimore Catechism and syllabus is provided to you to read and be prepared for the meeting each week with Fr. Simon. The meetings are from 6:30 p.m. (sharp!) - 7:20 p.m. in the church.

You or a legal guardian are required to sign-in at each meeting. Sign-in sheets will be provided at the back of the church in front of the holy family room. Please sign-in next to your child's name.

If you will be absent there will be a mandatory make-up assignment for you to complete. If you know that you will be absent, you can always request the assignment ahead of time by writing to the email below. Or if something comes up, you have 24 hours to receive your assignment by writing to SacredHeartClovis@gmail.com and then you will have 10 days to turn your assignment in by emailing it back to the same address. If you have 4 unexcused absences, we will notify you and depending on the situation your child might not be able to pass on to the next grade. If your assignment is turned in and receives a passing grade, that is an excused absence.

Pre-School is available for 3-4 yr. old children and the cry room is available for younger child(ren) during the parents' class.

This year the Religious Education curriculum is from The New Saint Joseph Baltimore Catechism and the prayers the children need to know are the Basic Catholic Prayers. They will be tested on the prayers throughout the year for all grades, including up to confirmation. It is very important that your child attend every class and that they do not miss lessons. 4 unexcused absences and they will not pass on to the next grade.

First Holy Communion is a two-year program. Children will receive Reconciliation at the end of the first year and will receive their First Holy Communion at the end of the second year (the previous year having been successfully completed). The child has to be in 2nd grade to start this two-year program.

Children in Holy Communion 1 & 2, R.C.I.C., Confirmation 1 & 2: Required to sign-in at the Mass they attend. A sign-in sheet will be available. If you attend another church we need a bulletin signed by the priest or deacon. If your child(ren) misses 4 Masses or has 4 unexcused absences from class we will notify you and they may not be able to receive their Sacraments this year.

It is very important that children in grades 4th -7th attend class. First Holy Communion is not a graduation until it is Confirmation time. When parents do not take their child(ren) back to CCD after they have received their First Holy Communion, that reflects very badly on those parents. This is a very serious neglect.

Confirmation is a two-year program; teens can start Confirmation in the 8th grade. Youth group is mandatory and part of the Confirmation program.

6th grade-Confirmation 2

Class every Sunday afternoon starts at 4:00 p.m. (sharp) after which is Youth Group which will end at 6:00 p.m. Youth Group is mandatory for Confirmation 1 & 2 and grades 6th & 7th are encouraged to attend youth group. Snacks will be provided but not dinner in between class and Youth Group.

Sacramental dates... Please Mark Your Calendars!!!

- Reconciliation for Holy Communion 1 is scheduled for March 25, 2017.
- Reconciliation for R.C.I.C./SPED is scheduled for April 1, 2017.
- First Holy Communion is scheduled for May 7, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the church.
- Mandatory Confirmation 1 & 2 Retreat: April 29-30, 2017.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. to Sunday after the 10:30 Mass.
- Confirmation Mass is scheduled for May 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Drop Off and Pick-Up Procedures

For the safety of your children we are implementing a drop-off and pick-up procedure. We appreciate your willingness to help us with this process. Please read the procedures below and refer to the attached map on the back.

Drop-Off Procedure

Please enter the church parking lot on the East Side (Rencher Street). You and your child come in at the gym door for Praise and Worship. Do not drop off your child before 5:45 p.m.; there will not be anyone there to supervise. Praise and Worship begins at 6:00 p.m., you are welcome to join us before the parents' class starts. Class begins promptly at 6:30 for both students and parents. That does not mean you are coming in at that time. This is why we have praise and worship before.

You have already dropped your child off and have signed in at your class in the church and are ready to go BEFORE 6:30.

Pick-Up Procedure

You must pick up your child at the door of their CCD classroom. Teachers will not be able to send them out to meet you in the parking lot. Please be mindful of the time and be ready to pick them up promptly at 7:30 p.m. This should not be a problem because you are coming right over from the parents' class which ends at 7:20 p.m. Teachers are not able to leave until all students are picked up.

Watch carefully for students and parents walking to their cars.

I know that all sounds like a lot. But we take religious education very seriously here and are committed to providing the best program possible. We wouldn't do any of this if we did not love you and care so much for the souls of all our children—and there is nothing more valuable or precious than the souls of our children. I am very excited to watch your child(ren) grow in love with Our Lord and I am thankful that God has given me the opportunity to do His will. I look forward to working together with you to ensure that we faithfully pass on the Catholic faith to our children. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me directly at 575-309-8130 or leave a message for me at the parish office 575-763-6947.

Yours in Christ,

Lora Rodriguez
(Director Religious Education)



CCD EARLY REGISTRATION

REGISTER EARLY !!!!!

Please take the opportunity to register for CCD, RCIA, Confirmation and Youth Group. Lora Rodriguez, our Director of Religious Education will be taking registrations in the school building after the 10:30am Mass in the Gym. Additional dates and times are as follows:

- **Wednesday, August 10th from—4:30pm—6:00pm**

Please bring a copy of their Baptismal and First Holy Communion Certificates if you did not bring them last year. The cost will be \$25 per family.

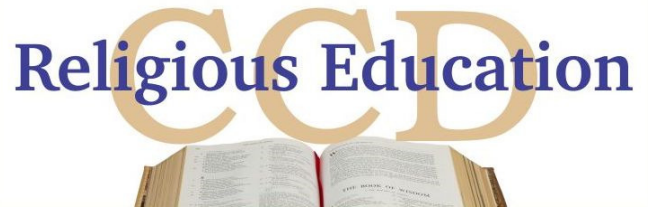
If you have any questions, you may contact Lora Rodriguez at (575) 309-8130.



RCIA REGISTRATION

Have you been Baptized? Have you made your First Holy Communion? Have you made your Confirmation? Are you thinking of becoming Catholic? This is the time where you can complete your sacraments or learn more about our Catholic faith. Classes are beginning soon so register early.

Registration will be taking place after the 10:30 Mass today and Wednesday, August 10th from 4:30 pm—6:00 pm. Please follow CCD early Registration schedule for additional dates and times. If you have any questions, please call Lora Rodriguez at (575) 309-8130.



INFORMATION

Pre-K (age 3-4) - 5th Grade

CCD starts Wednesday, August 17th, at 6:00PM and will meet every Wednesday evening.

RCIA

Starts Monday, August 22nd and will meet on Monday evenings at 7:00PM.

6th & 7th Grade/Confirmation 1 & 2/ Youth Group & Apologetics

Starts Sunday, August 21st at 4:00PM and will meet every Sunday until 6:00PM.

Adults

Starts Wednesday, August 17th, at 6:30PM and will meet every Wednesday in the Church.

This a new and wonderful thing we are having this year: we will be having class also for adults and all the parents on Wednesday nights. Just as there is something great for children there will be something great for adults as well while CCD is going on. Attendance will be taken for all those who have children in CCD, just like it is taken for the kids.



Early registration is taking place for Apologetics. This class is for young adults who have made their Confirmation and is also open to **all adults** who want to learn more about our Catholic faith. Please follow CCD early registration times and dates.

Should the Priest and the People Face the Same Direction During Mass?

by Tim Meurer

Part V – Concluding Remarks

What is the one thing that we should take away from this analysis of the priest and people's orientation during the Mass? The answer reflects an attitude that could pervade the whole of one's spiritual life: you are not the center of liturgical action; all of our attention should be focused on God, giving Him the praise and worship that is His due. Many think of the Mass as merely a communal meal between the priest and the people of the parish and not as the one supreme sacrifice of the New Testament offered to God. Obviously, this reduced sacramental theology is best embodied when the priest celebrates the Mass *versus populum* ("towards the people"). However, the danger of this is that it takes much of the divine element out of the liturgical celebration. When we celebrate Mass *ad orientem* ("to the east"), the priest and the people are actually more united; together we all turn to face the Lord, Jesus Christ, as He offers Himself on the altar of sacrifice for the salvation of all.

Today, the significance of the word "orientation" has been greatly expanded and manipulated. It is difficult to avoid discussions anymore on sexual orientation, political orientation, and more. Isn't it odd? The term itself implies unity of direction (after all, there is only one *orient*, only one *east*, and so there is only orientation, i.e. all facing eastward, literally). Instead, the word "orientation" is now used to extenuate and define differences and division. In short, amidst all of this disorientation – as the world around us seems to spiral more and more away from God and out of control – it is time to reintroduce a strong example of truly orienting ourselves to the Lord; it is time again that the Mass unite us in one single direction all together, all the people of God, congregation and priest both towards the Lord.

I began this paper with the words "*conversi ad Dominum.*" I leave you now with the prayer of St. Augustine that calls for us to "turn towards the Lord" entirely:

Let us turn toward the Lord God and Father Almighty, and with a pure heart let us give Him sincere thanks as well as our littleness will allow: Let us with our whole hearts beseech His extraordinary clemency, that He may vouchsafe to hear our prayers according to His good pleasure. May He by His power drive our enemies far from us, lest we fall under the sway of the evil one in act or thought. May He increase our faith, rule our mind, give us spiritual thoughts, and at last lead us to His blessedness, through Jesus Christ His Son. Amen.

1 As quoted from P.L., xxxviii, c. 994. by Liturgical Prayer, Its History & Spirit, Fernand Cabrol, OSB, P.J. Kenedy & Sons. 1921 on Michael Martin, "Conversi ad Dominum Deum: Let us Turn Towards the Lord God," 1 August 2016.



CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers to help with cleaning the church. It is on a scheduled basis and usually turns out to be once a month. Men are encouraged to volunteer. If you are interested, please call:

Marcie Martinez
(575) 763-4997



Coffee & Donuts!!!

We will begin serving coffee & donuts after both 8:30 am & the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, July 31st, and every Sunday...

If you are interested in volunteering to help with this ministry, please call

Emaeth Burns (575) 265-8686.

We will meet in the Gym where it is nice a cool with our new airconditioners!!!!

Early registration for CCD, RCIA, Youth Group and Confirmation will be taking place. Please come join us!

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY August 6, 2016

5:30 P.M. † The deceased Sena Family

SUNDAY August 7, 2016

8:30 A.M. For the people of the parish

10:30 A.M. Fr. Simon Carian

MONDAY August 8, 2016

5:30 P.M. Jim Cartwright

TUESDAY August 9, 2016

7:00 A.M. † Maria Lucio (1 Year Anniversary)

WED August 10, 2016

12:10 P.M. † Juanita Crucita Cordova

THURSDAY August 11, 2016

7:00 A.M. Jim Cartwright

FRIDAY August 12, 2016

5:30 P.M. † Keith Alich

SATURDAY August 13, 2016

5:30 P.M. For the people of the parish

SUNDAY August 14, 2016

8:30 A.M. † Allen Jesko

10:30 A.M. † Peggy Sandoval

Last Weeks Collection

July 31, 2016

ENVELOPES	\$ 5,507.00
LOOSE	\$ 2,316.51
NEEDY	\$ 117 .00
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TOTAL	\$ 7,940.51

MINISTERS – SATURDAY – August 13, 2016

SACRISTANS

5:30 P.M. Mario & Vivian Trujillo

ALTAR SERVERS

5:30 P.M. Dalton Doss
Jacob Rowley
Ryan Rowley

LECTORS

5:30 P.M. Mario Trujillo
Vivian Trujillo

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

5:30 P.M. R-Paul Ellis*
R-Suzanne Ellis
L-Stephen Haynes
L-Ed Gomez

MINISTERS – SUNDAY – August 14, 2016

SACRISTANS

8:30 A.M. Mary Shockley
Jesse Alvarez
10:30 A.M. Fidel Madrid
Cliff Kuchta

ALTAR SERVERS

8:30 A.M. I—Joseph Vickers
Jovan Garcia
David Garcia
Esperanza Tafoya
10:30 A.M. Thomas Palla
Grant Palla
Marvin Campos

LECTORS

8:30 A.M. Augustine Martinez
John Schonberger
10:30 A.M. Ruben Lucio
Jean Kaplan

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

8:30 A.M. R-Mary Maulsby*
R-Anna Nagro
L-Mike Nagro
L-Suzanne Oborny
10:30 A.M. R-Cliff Kuchta*
R-Annette Madrid
L-Fidel Madrid
L-Marta Madrid

CHURCH CLEANING

August 13 – * Carmen Ruiz, Anita Fite, Bennie Dampier

ALTAR LINENS

August – Lucille Conley

**EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
TO THE HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOMES**

August 7, 2016

Retirement Ranch	Pat Fronk
Clovis Health Care	Christopher Arias
Wheatfield's Community	Marcy Kos
Home Route One	Martha Fuller
Home Route Two	Marcy Kos



We are in need of volunteers to help!

Distribution is held every Saturday of the month. Anyone interested in volunteering, please come at 8:30 am! This is a truly beautiful ministry living the Gospel and really helping many in need here in our community.

If you are interested, please call Rosie Buchan at (575) 309-5040 so she can give you further information and to inform you of a time to meet to help prepare for our distribution, or call the parish office and leave your name and phone number so that we may contact you.

Our next distribution will be—August 13, 2016.

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

- Cereal,
- Granola Bars,
- Oatmeal Packets,
- Lunchbox Snacks,
- Shampoo,
- Bar Soap,
- Deodorant,
- and Toothpaste

Any help will be greatly appreciated. You can place items in the baskets in the back of the church or bring them into the parish office. Thank you and may God Bless you.