



## **Corpus Christi Catechetical Program 2018-19**

Welcome to the Corpus Christi catechetical program. We are so happy that you and your family will share these steps along your faith journey with us. Whether you choose to attend our Sunday Family Faith sessions or your child is preparing for sacraments, we pray that your experiences as part of our faith community and catechetical program will help you feel closer to Jesus and deepen your faith.

### **Program Specifics:**

#### **Family Faith Sessions:**

- monthly, all-inclusive, intergenerational, faith-based activities and discussions tied to the gospel and season of the liturgical year
- not necessary to attend all sessions

#### **Sacramental Preparation Class:**

- specific lessons and concepts will be taught to young people and their families as they prepare to receive Reconciliation, Confirmation, and/or Eucharist.
- Each sacrament will require that children attend two focus sessions specific to that sacrament.
- In the event that a focus session is missed, a make-up session will be arranged with Maria.
- Children will participate in specific celebrations and rituals at mass throughout their preparation (kindly see schedule).
- Children and their families are encouraged to not only attend mass regularly (weekly) but also to participate in ministry.

Please note that sessions (both Family Faith and Sacramental Focus) will be held after Sunday mass and start at approximately 11:45. We will conclude at 1 pm regardless of start time. From time to time, the Knights of Columbus generously invite all parishioners to a complimentary breakfast after mass. In the event that such a breakfast coincides with one of our session dates, families are encouraged to eat breakfast and then join our group upstairs in the parish centre for our session.

**Kindly mark your calendars to include the following important dates:**

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| Sunday, Sept. 30        | Parent Info Session and Registration   |
| Sunday, October 14      | Ritual of Enrolment & FF Session #1 “Giftedness”   |
| Sunday, Nov. 25         | FF Session #2 “Advent and the Jesse Tree”  |
| Tuesday, Dec. 04 @ 7pm  | Lighting of Parish Nativity. Children’s Choir will lead a Hymn. Milk and hot chocolate will be available afterward in the parish center. Families are asked to bring cookies To share. (Please remember to be sensitive to allergies.)   |
| Sunday, Dec. 16         | FF Session #3 “The Nativity”   |
| Sunday, Jan. 27         | FF Session #4 “The Epiphany”   |
| Sunday, Feb. 24         | Ritual of Beatitudes & FF Session # 5 “Ordinary Time”  |
| Wednesday, Mar.06 @ 7pm | Families are invited to Ash Wednesday mass. People of all ages can receive ashes. This is a wonderful experience for children and a great reference point through not only the Lenten season but also our journey through sacramental preparation. Children's choir will lead a hymn.        |
| Sunday, Mar. 10         | Ritual of Corporal Works of Mercy & FF Session #6 “Ash Wednesday and Lent”   |
| Sunday, May 12          | FF # 7 “Mary Our Mother” Note that this session falls on Mothers’ Day and, as such, will be quite brief so as not to interfere with the plans of our families on such a special day. We will visit the Grotto to Our Lady and learn about the special prayer to Holy Mary called the Rosary. |
| Sunday, June 9          | Ritual of the Apostles Creed & FF #8/ Year- End Party (details to follow at a later date)  |

## Programs for Specific Sacraments:

### Reconciliation (aka Confession)

-Sunday, March 31, after mass

Focus Session #1 Reconciliation

-Sunday, April 07, after mass

Focus Session #2 Reconciliation

**-Wednesday, April 10 @ 7pm**

**Parish Celebration of First Reconciliation**

**Families are asked to donate**

**cookies/treats/sandwiches for the reception. Please be sensitive to allergy concerns.**

### Confirmation

**-Saturday, April 13 8:30-3:30**

**Confirmation Retreat** (including Focus Sessions #1 and #2)

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Parish Celebration of Confirmation will be determined by the Archbishop's office and families will be notified as soon as possible.

**Families are asked to donate cookies/treats/sandwiches for the reception. Please be sensitive to allergy concerns.**

### Eucharist (aka Holy Communion)

-Sunday, May 19

Focus Session #1

-Sunday, May 26

Focus Session #2

**-Saturday, June 01**

**Parish Celebration of Eucharist**

**Families are asked to donate cookies/treats/sandwiches for the reception. Please be sensitive to allergy concerns.**

**Families decide whether they feel their child(ren) are ready to celebrate sacraments. Children must have reached the age of 7 at the time of sacramental celebration and must be committed to preparing for the sacrament as outlined above.**

## Updates and Information:

To sign up for text message “Reminders” for **Family Focus Sessions**, kindly text:

**@3kf4h4 to 709-757-0178**

To sign up for text message reminders for **Sacramental Prep Class 2018-19**, kindly text:

**@ h8c4kd to 709-757-0178**

If you prefer your updates to be sent via email, kindly use

<http://www.remind.at/@...> to do so.

Further, if you have any difficulty accessing information in these ways, email me. I can add you myself.

Maria’s email:

[corpuschresticatechetics@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschresticatechetics@gmail.com)

## **Fees:**

**\*Families are asked to pay a \$10 fee for participation in Family Focus Sessions (One-time payment for the year).**

**\*There is also a \$25 fee per child for sacramental preparation class. This covers 1, 2 or 3 sacraments.)**