

**SAN ISIDRO CATHOLIC CHURCH
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
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First Communion Handbook

ZOOM CLASS PROTOCOL — PROTOCOLO PARA CLASE EN ZOOM

Virtual Meeting Guideline



Make sure you are following the dress code before signing on.

Asegurase de mantener el mismo Código de vestimenta utilizado durante las clases regulares.

Find a quiet place where you will be able to concentrate. No one should be in the background.

Encuentra un lugar silencioso donde te puedas concentrar. Nadie debe estar en el trasfondo.



Always keep the camera on. We need to see your face. Failure to do this will count as an absence.

Siempre use la cámara. Necesitamos ver sus caras, si no, se contará como ausente.

Pay attention to the teaching and the person who is speaking. Look into the camera. Don't walk around with the device. Don't lay in bed.

Manténgase atento a la enseñanza y a la persona que está hablando. Mire a la Cámara. No camine alrededor de su casa con el dispositivo electrónico. No se acueste en su cama.



If you have a question or something to add to what is being said, "raise hand" and wait for your catechist to give you permission to speak.

De tener una pregunta o algo que añadir al tema que se está discutiendo, suba la mano y espere que su catequista le dé permiso para hablar.

Wait for the Catechist to call on you to unmute yourself. Only one person should speak at a time!

Espere que el Catequista se dirija a usted y debe prender su micrófono para escucharle. Solo debe hablar una persona a la vez.



Stay on topic and do not interrupt the Catechist!

Mantenerse en el tema que se está discutiendo y no interrumpa al Catequista.

Use appropriate language.

Utilizar lenguaje apropiado.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our program at San Isidro welcomes children from first grade through High School. Children gather weekly to foster a living faith in the Lord through study and application of God's word to their lives.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Children of the appropriate age undergo preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. The reception of a sacrament for the first time is an important step in the process of Christian initiation begun at Baptism. For this reason, careful study and preparation are of primary importance.

Here at San Isidro, two years of continuous Religious Education as well as weekly attendance to Sunday liturgy are required.

CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION

Requirements for First Communion and Reconciliation:

- ◆ The child must be at least 7 years old.
- ◆ The child must have completed the First Grade.
- ◆ Parents must present a valid Baptismal Certificate.
- ◆ The child must maintain a satisfactory attendance record for classes.
- ◆ Parental involvement with child's religious education and participation at scheduled meetings
- ◆ Must attend Mass on Saturday evenings or Sundays
- ◆ Has an appropriate knowledge of the prayers, sacraments, commandments, etc.
- ◆ It is important that the child comes to know and accept in faith that Jesus is really present in the Holy Eucharist. He/she must be aware of the difference of unconsecrated and consecrated bread.
- ◆ A great desire to want to receive Jesus present in the consecrated Host
- ◆ Attendance at the scheduled celebrations and activities



*****PARENTS HAVE TO AGREE TO FOLLOW THE DECISIONS MADE BY THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN REFERENCE TO THE COMMUNION ATTIRE, PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO.***

POLICIES



Bring Children Closer To Jesus Through Day-To-Day

Prayer

The Catholic Church has a beautiful and rich tradition of prayers that have come down to each generation over the centuries. These forms of prayer are valuable for several reasons:

- ◆ They permit us to pray when perhaps our spirits are such that we cannot seem to master speaking to God spontaneously.
- ◆ They unite all of us together as individuals, permitting us to pray the same prayer as a group.
- ◆ Prayer is an ongoing experience; it begins when the very young child experiences a relationship with God through his parents. Where can a child better learn a spirit of prayer than from the teaching and example of his/her own parents? With this in mind, please pray the following prayers with your child (see attached prayers): The Sign of the Cross, Glory Be, Our Father, Act of Contrition, Hail Mary, Apostles Creed.

Going to Mass

Attendance

We ask that students attend class on a regular basis. Any student absence requires a note to the catechist or call to the office. If a student has three (3) or more absences in a school year, the parent will be required to meet with the Coordinator. At this review, the student will either be suspended or re-admitted to the program. Your child may be required to repeat a year if they do not meet our attendance standards.

Tardiness

Class begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays and at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays. When a student is late it disrupts the class. As such students who are late three (3) times in a school year will have one (1) absence added to their attendance record. Please remember that 3 or more absences can result in suspension from the program.

Dress Code

Children must dress appropriately when coming to class. No mini-skirts, No tank tops, No shirts exposing the belly, No pants below the waist, No shorts, No sleepers and nothing with obscene signs. No flip-flops. If children do not comply with the dress code they will be sent home. No exceptions.

Discipline

Students are expected to behave in a respectful and appropriate manner. Respect for classmates, catechists, staff and church property are a priority. Students using obscene language, physical violence, disrespect to classmates, teachers or staff, or vandalism will be sent to see the Coordinator. Parents will be called immediately. This incident will also be considered as an absence because the child did not complete the class for that day.

No items such as food, gum, laser pens, toys, cell phones, electronic devices or other items considered by the teacher to be inappropriate may be brought to class. These items will be taken from the student and may be returned after class.

Students can't bring friends or visitors, who are not registered in our program.

Class Requirements

Each student will be issued a workbook and a Bible. These books should be treated with respect and be brought to class each week. Students who lose their books will be required to pay for a replacement.

Dismissals

We require children to complete the full session of each class. If you need to pick up your child early, you must obtain approval from the Coordinator. We ask that parents do not enter the classroom until the class has ended. All children in grades 1st through 6 must be picked up in their classrooms. Children in 7th grade and up (Confirmation classes only) will walk outside of the parish offices with one of their teachers. PLEASE BE PROMPT IN PICKING UP YOUR CHILD. If your child is not outside, you have to park the car and walk to pick her/ him up or keep driving forward so you don't block the parked cars and the church entrance.

Late pick up Policy

After a reasonable amount of time (approximately 10 minutes) where a volunteer catechist remains with a student who has not been picked up at the dismissal time, the student will be brought to the Religious Education Office. At that point, parents are called, or some other relative is called and asked to pick up the student.

EXPECTATIONS

Parents

- ◆ Ensure that their children attend classes regularly and on time.
- ◆ Communicate any special needs or circumstances that may affect their child within the classroom.
- ◆ Be an active part of their children's learning and be involved in the classroom at the catechist's request.
- ◆ Attend the parents meetings that are scheduled for the school year.

Students:

- ◆ Behave in a Christian manner at all times showing respect and being cooperative with adults and other students.
- ◆ Actively participate in classroom activities and discussions.
- ◆ Attend class regularly and complete any assignments or homework.
- ◆ Respect the code of conduct:
 - ⇒ Respect for others and for others' property
 - ⇒ No abuse of Tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs
 - ⇒ No weapons on premises
 - ⇒ Follow Rules and consequences as posted in the room

⇒ Dress appropriately when coming to church

Catechists

- ◆ Provide a loving Christian atmosphere within the learning environment so that children will be able to grow in their faith.
- ◆ Prepare and teach designated curriculum.
- ◆ Be a Christian role model.
- ◆ Communicate regularly with parents and involve them in the faith development of their children.

Parent and Student Commitment Agreement

We (parents and children) have read the Religious Education Handbook of San Isidro Catholic Church and we understand and agree to cooperate with the parish policies set forth in the handbook.

Requirements for: Reconciliation and Eucharist

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We also agree to follow the decisions that the Office of Religious Education decides for the reception of the Sacraments (clothes, dates, photography and video)

Signed (parent/guardian, if married, both parents should sign) Date

Signed (Student)

Grade

Important: Please complete this form and return it to your child's teacher.

This will also be used as an attendance to know who came to the meeting.