

2023 - 2024 ST. JOSEPH'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

1st - 5th grades; Sacramental Prep for Older Students – *SUNDAYS, 10:20 - 11:20 a.m.*
6th - 9th grades; Family Catechesis Levels I & II – *WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.*
10th - 12th grades – *1st & 3rd WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. (exception in Jan.)*
Confirmation – *2nd SUNDAY of the month, 3-6 p.m. (+exceptions in Jan. & Feb.)*

A Year of Saints who are DEFENDERS of the EUCHARIST

Aug. 30 Wed.
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PARENT ORIENTATION for ALL Grades, 6:30 pm in the church
PARENT MEETING for Pre-Confirmation & Confirmation parents – 7:30 p.m. in the church

➤ **SEPTEMBER**

Sept. 6 Wednesday Class + 10th-12th Graders (IMPACT Night, 7:45-8:45 pm)
Sept. 10 Sun. YOUTH Mass, 9 am – IMPACT teens in charge
Sept. 10 Sunday Class
Sept. 10 Sacramental Preparation for Older Students and parents, session #1
Sept. 10 Sun. Confirmation session #1, for candidates and a parent/sponsor
Sept. 13 Wednesday Class
Sept. 17 Sunday Class
Sept. 17 Sacramental Preparation for Older Students and parents, session #2
Sept. 17 CATECHETICAL SUNDAY during the 9 a.m. Mass “Come to me all you who labor and are burdened”
Sept. 20 Wednesday Class + 10th-12th Graders
Sept. 24 Sunday Class
Sept. 24 Sacramental Preparation for Older Students and parents, session #3
Sept. 27 Wednesday Class

➤ **OCTOBER's Eucharistic Defender of the month is ST. CLAIRE**

Oct. 1 Sun. YOUTH Mass, 9 am – 9th graders in charge
Oct. 1 Sunday Class – Respect Life Sunday (discuss the Rosary)
Oct. 1 Sacramental Preparation for Older Students and parents, session #4
Oct. 3 Tues. Adult Formation (English), 6:30-8:30 pm
Oct. 4 Wed. St. Francis Blessing of the Pets – Cooke backyard, 5:30 pm
Oct. 4 Wednesday Class (discuss the Rosary) + 10th-12th Graders (IMPACT Night, 7:45-8:45 pm)
Oct. 8 Sunday Class
Oct. 8 Sacramental Preparation for Older Students and parents, session #5
Oct. 8 Sun. Confirmation Investiture Ceremony, 9 a.m. Mass for candidates and sponsors
Oct. 8 Sun. Confirmation session #2, for candidates and a parent/sponsor
Oct. 11 RE OPENING MASS for ALL students, parishioners, 6:30 pm – 8th graders in charge – (Rosary to be recited)
Oct. 15 Sunday Class
Oct. 15 Sacramental Preparation for Older Students and parents, session #6
Oct. 18 Wednesday Class + 10th-12th Graders
Oct. 22 Sunday Class
Oct. 22 Sacramental Preparation for Older Students and parents, session #7
Oct. 25 Wednesday Class
Oct. 29 Sun. All Saints presentation by 2nd graders, during Mass
Oct. 29 Sunday Class
Oct. 29 Sacramental Preparation for Older Students and parents, session #8

➤ **NOVEMBER's Eucharistic Defender of the month is St. AUGUSTINE**

Nov. 1	<u>NO Wednesday Class</u> – All Saints Day (students should attend Mass with their family: 6 pm English; 7:30 pm Spanish)
Nov. 5 Sun.	<u>YOUTH Mass, 9 am – 7th graders & IMPACT Teens in charge</u>
Nov. 5	Sunday Class – Reconciliation 5 th graders
Nov. 5	Sacramental Preparation for Older Students and parents, session #9
Nov. 7 Tues.	Adult Formation (English), 6:30-8:30 pm
Nov. 8	Wednesday Class - Reconciliation 6th graders / FC-I
Nov. 12	Sunday Class - Reconciliation 4 th graders
Nov. 12	Sacramental Preparation for Older Students and parents, session #10
Nov. 12 Sun.	Confirmation session #3 , for candidates and a parent/sponsor
Nov. 15	** <u>FIRST RECONCILIATION</u> ** and 1st Communion practice for Sac. Prep. – 5:30 p.m. in the church
Nov. 15	Wednesday Class - Reconciliation 7th graders/FC-II + 10th-12th Graders (IMPACT Night, 7:45-8:45 pm)
(See Footnote 1)	First Holy Communion for Sac Prep - to be done individually with families during their regularly attended Mass.
Nov. 19 Sun.	Thanksgiving / Christ the King presentation by 1st graders, during both Masses
Nov. 19	Sunday Class - Reconciliation 3 rd graders
Nov. 22-26	<u>NO CLASSES</u> – Thanksgiving holidays
Nov. 23 Thurs.	Thanksgiving MASS, 9 am (bi-lingual)
Nov. 29	Wednesday Class - Reconciliation 8th graders

➤ **DECEMBER's Eucharistic Defender of the month is St. AMBROSE**

TBA	**<u>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</u>** for Sac. Prep. during the Mass with their family
Dec. 3 Sun.	<u>YOUTH Mass, 9 am – 5th graders & IMPACT Teens in charge</u>
Dec. 3	Sunday Class (<u>ADVENT</u> /St. Nicholas Day)
Dec. 5 Tues.	Adult Formation (English), 6:30-8:30 pm
Dec. 6	Wednesday Class – Rec. 9th grade (ADVENT/St. Nicholas Day) + 10th-12th Graders (IMPACT Night, 7:45-8:45 pm)
Dec. 10	Sunday Class
Dec. 10 Sun.	Confirmation session #4 , for candidates and a parent/sponsor
Dec. 13	Wednesday Class
Dec. 17	Sunday Class
Dec. 20 – Jan. 3	<u>NO CLASSES</u> – Christmas holidays
Dec. 24 Sun.	Nativity Play, 5 pm – followed by Christmas Eve MASS 5:30 pm (English)
Dec. 25 Mon.	Christmas Day MASS, 9 am (English) 11:30 am (Spanish)

➤ **JANUARY's Eucharistic Defender of the month is St. THOMAS AQUINAS**

Jan. 2 Tues.	Adult Formation (English), 6:30-8:30 pm
Jan. 7 Sun.	<u>YOUTH Mass, 9 am – 6th graders & IMPACT Teens in charge</u>
Jan. 7	Sunday Class – <i>Empowering God's Children</i> done by catechists in class
+Jan. 7 Sun.	Confirmation session #5 , for candidates and a parent/sponsor
Jan. 10	Wednesday Class – <i>Empowering God's Children</i> [by catechists] + 10th-12th Graders (IMPACT Night, 7:45-8:45 pm)
Jan. 14	<u>NO Sunday Class</u> – MLK Holiday weekend
Jan. 17	Wednesday Class
Jan. 21	Sunday Class – Fr. to visit 2nd & 3rd about Adoration
Jan. 24	Wednesday Class – Fr. to visit 6th, 7th & FC-I about Adoration + 10th-12th Graders
Jan. 28	Sunday Class – 2nd & 3rd go to Adoration
Jan. 31	Wednesday Class – 6th, 7th & FC-I goes to Adoration

➤ **FEBRUARY's Eucharistic Defender of the month is St. GREGORY the Great**

<u>Feb. 4 Sun.</u>	<u>YOUTH Mass, 9 am – 4th graders & IMPACT Teens in charge</u>
<u>Feb. 4</u>	Sunday Class
+Feb. 4 Sun.	Confirmation session #6 , for candidates and a parent/sponsor
<u>Feb. 7</u>	Wednesday Class (<i>classes to discuss Lent</i>) + 10th-12th Graders (IMPACT Night, 7:45-8:45 pm)
<u>Feb. 11</u>	Sunday Class (<i>classes to discuss Lent</i>)
Feb. 13 Tues.	Adult Formation (English) LENTEN SESSION #1, 6:30-8 pm
Feb. 14	NO Wednesday Class – Ash Wednesday (<i>students should attend Mass with their family</i>)
Feb. 14 Wed.	Ash Wednesday MASS , 8 am (English) 12:15 pm (English – <i>Ash Service</i>) 6:30 pm (English) 8 pm (Spanish)
TBA	Confirmation Blessing Ceremony, Practice, and Reconciliation , 3 p.m. (altar servers 3:30 p.m.)
TBA	Confirmation RETREAT – Eagle's Wings Retreat Center, Burnet (7 a.m. Sat. – 3 p.m. Sunday)
<u>Feb. 18</u>	Sunday Class – Fr. to visit 4th & 5th about Adoration
TBA	Confirmation Interviews , 4:15-5:15 pm T, Th; 4:15-5:30 pm W
Feb. 20 Tues.	Adult Formation (English) LENTEN SESSION #2, 6:30-8 pm
<u>Feb. 21</u>	Wednesday Class + 10th-12th Graders – Fr. to visit 8th, 9th & FC-II about Adoration
<u>Feb. 25</u>	Sunday Class – 4th & 5th go to Adoration
Feb. 27 Tues.	Adult Formation (English) LENTEN SESSION #3, 6:30-8 pm
<u>Feb. 28</u>	Wednesday Class – 8th, 9th & FC-II goes to Adoration

➤ **MARCH's Eucharistic Defender of the month is St. JEROME**

TBA	**CONFIRMATION** during 5 pm Mass
<u>March 3 Sun.</u>	<u>YOUTH Mass, 9 am – 3rd graders & IMPACT Teens in charge</u>
<u>March 3</u>	Sunday Class
March 5 Tues.	Adult Formation (English) LENTEN SESSION #4, 6:30-8 pm
<u>March 6</u>	Wednesday Class + 10th-12th Graders (IMPACT Night, 7:45-8:45 pm)
<u>March 10-17</u>	NO CLASSES – Spring Break
March 19 Tues.	Adult Formation (English) LENTEN SESSION #5, 6:30-8 pm
<u>March 20</u>	Wednesday Class + 10th-12th Graders
<u>March 24</u>	Sunday Class – (Stations in church for ALL)
March 26 Tues.	Adult Formation (English) LENTEN SESSION #6, 6:30-8 pm
<u>March 27</u>	Wednesday Class – (Stations in church for ALL)
<u>March 28 Thurs.</u>	Holy Thursday MASS , 7 pm (bi-lingual) – followed by ADORATION until midnight
<u>March 29 Fri.</u>	Good Friday SERVICE , 7 pm (bi-lingual) **Divine Mercy NOVENA begins today, for 9 days
<u>March 30 Sat.</u>	Easter Vigil MASS , 8:30 pm (bi-lingual)
<u>March 31</u>	NO CLASS – Easter Sunday; MASS 9 am (English) 11:30 am (Spanish)

➤ **APRIL's Eucharistic Defender of the month is ST. NORBERT**

April 2 Tues.	Adult Formation (English), 6:30-8:30 pm
<u>April 3</u>	Wednesday Class + 10th-12th Graders (IMPACT Night, 7:45-8:45 pm)
<u>April 7 Sun.</u>	<u>YOUTH Mass, 9 am – FC-I & IMPACT Teens in charge - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</u>
<u>April 7</u>	Sunday Class
<u>April 10</u>	Wednesday Class
<u>April 14</u>	Sunday Class [Write Cards to Father Pedro for Good Shepherd Sunday]
<u>April 17</u>	Wednesday Class [Write Cards to Fr. Pedro for Good Shepherd Sunday] + 10th-12th Graders
<u>April 21</u>	Sunday Class – Good Shepherd Sunday
<u>April 24</u>	Wednesday Class
<u>April 27 Sat.</u>	1st Communion Retreat / Practice / Reconciliation @ 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (<i>qualifying 2nd graders and parents</i>)
<u>April 28</u>	Sunday Class

➤ **MAY**

May 1 Wednesday Class + 10th-12th Graders (IMPACT Night, 7:45-8:45 pm)
May 3 Fri. Catechist End of Year Party, 6 pm
(See Footnote 2) **First Holy Communion for 2nd Grade** - to be done individually with families during their regularly attended Mass.
May 5 Sunday Class
May 7 Tues. Adult Formation (English), 6:30-8:30 pm
May 8 Wed. RE CLOSING MASS / May Crowning / Awards for ALL students/parents @ 6:30 p.m.

Footnotes:

1 Sacramental Prep 1st Communion Dates:

English – Nov. 18th @ 5pm / Nov. 19th @ 9am / Nov. 25th @ 5pm / Nov. 26th @ 9am
Dec. 2nd @ 5pm / Dec. 3rd @ 9am / Dec. 8th @ 6pm

Spanish – Nov 19th @ 11:30am / Nov 26th @ 11:30am / Dec 3rd 11:30am / Dec 7th @ 6 pm

2 2nd Grade 1st Communion Dates:

English – May 4th @ 5pm / May 5th @ 9am / May 11th @ 5pm / May 12th @ 9am

Spanish – May 5th @ 11:30am / May 12th 11:30am

Class Service Projects:

- Letters to Seminarians – Advent and Easter/End of The Year
- Christmas gifts for the homebound through the Senior Citizens Center [Nov. 29 deadline]
- Lenten “Our Fast Is Your Feast” canned food drive for the Rockdale Food Pantry [Feb. 18 – Mar. 6]