



Church of the
Resurrection



Office of
**Lifelong
Faith Formation**

2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

“Behold! A sower went out to sow. As he sowed some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it had not much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil; and when the sun rose it was scorched, and since it had no root it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. And other seeds fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing, and yielding thirty fold, sixty fold, and a hundred fold.”

(Mark 4:3-8)

“Final attention must be devoted to the importance of two vital educational loci: the family and the school (of Religion). In a certain sense nothing replaces family catechesis, especially for its positive and receptive environment, for the example of adults, and for its first explicit experience and practice of the faith.”

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6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Visit our Parish Web Site at: www.churchoftheres.net and navigate to Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry or Sacraments.

August 11, 2010

Dear Parents:

One of the most important functions that we do in our community is the education and formation of our entire community. There has been a change, as you've been reading in the bulletin, since the office of Religious Education has been changed to the ***Office of Lifelong Faith Formation***, and it is a change, indeed. We are looking at the faith formation of all age groups – from the earliest grades, right on through mature adulthood. We are also developing a new approach that would be a single night that would be emphasized for the teaching and the formation of our faith to inform, to catechize, to evangelize **all of our community**.

What makes this program so special is that as the children are learning, there also will be programs and social activities for adults – young adults and seniors – so that the entire community is involved in lifelong faith formation every Wednesday night. The dates and times will be given to you at a later date, but I wanted to welcome you and encourage you to take part in this wonderful opportunity. I'm also very grateful for all the catechists and those who have helped in the planning and forming of this great program. This is truly a parish-wide effort for a very important ministry of lifelong faith formation.

If there is anything that we can do to improve on this new program, or if you wish to offer particular instruction in an area that you have concerns about, please do not hesitate to call or write me. It is our pleasure to serve our parishioners with this new program.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Matthew G. Mello". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "G".

Fr. Matthew G. Mello
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This year, Catechetical Sunday, September 19, 2010, will focus on the theme, **“Matrimony: Sacrament of Enduring Love.”** Those who have been designated by the community to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION POLICIES

Registration:

Families of children enrolled in the program should also be registered with the parish. Parents are the best example to their children. It is important that each Sunday and Holy Day you worship as a family and participate in the parish Stewardship program. The Registration Fee for Religious Education is \$100/child or \$150/child if the child is involved in 1st Reconciliation/Communion or Confirmation. If your child goes to Resurrection Catholic School there is a \$30 book/material fee charge if involved in 1st Reconciliation/Communion. The general registration fee for adults who participate in our Adult Programs is \$25 plus the cost of any books or materials as needed. No family will be asked to pay more than \$250 for the year and scholarships are available, ask for the scholarship form at the Faith Formation Office. This cost covers a little less than half of the actual cost of our program. The rest of our funds, and funds for those less fortunate, come from the parish Sunday support. The fee can be spread out over the year. **No child will be refused because they are unable to pay.** We are able to provide some scholarships (partial and full) to those students in need. Religious Education is for all students not attending a Catholic School in Grades K – 12, both English and Spanish speaking. Our Middle School and High School Youth Groups are open to all students both in Catholic School and public or other private school. Please call Amanda Carmichael to register your child. There is a different fee schedule for those participating in our programs from other parishes.

The Finance Committee of the parish has instilled a policy for uncollected tuitions:

- 10 days after registration all or a partial payment must be received, if not the Finance Committee will notify you concerning payment, all or partial.

- If after 45 days there is no payment, the parish administrator will contact the family seeking payment.
- If after 60 days no attempt at a payment is made, the student will not be allowed to participate in the faith formation program.

Documents:

At registration please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate **if they are receiving** 1st Reconciliation/Communion or Confirmation Sacraments.

Sacraments:

Sacraments are signs instituted by Jesus to bring us grace. We do need to charge an extra fee for Sacraments due to extra books and material used. Children in grade 2 are usually prepared for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion. Children in 9th grade (or above) are prepared for Confirmation. Our Office also takes care of infant Baptism class and any person who is un-baptized or baptized in another faith tradition wishing to become Catholic. Contact the office for more details. Families must be members of Resurrection for at least 3 months prior to a Sacrament being celebrated.

Sacramental Programs:

Baptism: Parents of any child to be baptized are required to attend a Baptism class. Baptism classes are held on a Monday at the end of the month; please contact the office for the schedule. Baptisms are held the 2nd Sunday of every month of our Sunday Liturgies. There are no Baptisms during Lent.

1st Reconciliation/Eucharist: Students in grade 2 (in both the Catholic School and the Religious Education program) are prepared for 1st Reconciliation and Eucharist. Parents are expected to attend special parent meetings and students are expected to attend class and the other special activities planned. See the 1st Reconciliation/Eucharist pamphlet for more details.

Confirmation: Confirmation classes are held separate from our High School program. It is expected that the young people seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation attend **both the Sunday night program and the Confirmation program**. The Confirmation program is held once a month (seven sessions) on Monday nights and it is mandatory for both the youth and the parent to attend each session. Please refer to the Confirmation pamphlet for more details.

R.C.I.A. (Christian Initiation for Children): A special class for our children in grades 3-8 who might have missed the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Eucharist, Baptism or who are from another faith tradition and are interested in becoming a Catholic, is held each year on Wednesday nights from 6:15 - 7:45 p.m. Contact the office for more information. Any High School student who is interested in receiving a Sacrament should contact the office for more information.

Curriculum:

Grades K – 5	Sadlier “We Believe with Project Disciple” series
Grade 6	Sadlier “We Believe with Project Disciple”
Grade 7 – 8	Sadlier “We Believe: We Live Our Faith” (As Disciples of Jesus 7 th and As Members of the Church, 8 th)
1 st Reconciliation	We Believe and Celebrate First Penance
1 st Communion	We Believe and Celebrate First Communion
Confirmation	The Spirit Sets Us Free
R.C.I.A.	Resources
High School	The Teen Timeline by Ascension Press Nooma Videos Teaching Activity from the Manual for the Catholic Youth Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church (Compiled by Maggie McGowan)

Conduct:

We will make every effort to help all the children learn to participate in classroom activities without disruptive behavior. If a child is unable to do this, the teacher will notify Dan and he will in turn, if necessary, contact the parent.

Safety:

The safety of the children is a serious responsibility. We ask for your help by following these guidelines:

- Children in grades K-5 must be picked up with the family name sign distributed at registration. If you did not receive a sign, contact the office. Drop off and pick up is in front of the School building. Please enter the parking lot off of Terrace Way and make a line on the west side of the school building around to the front. If you want to walk up to pick up your child, please park behind the Church and use the walkway between the Middle School and Elementary Building. Children will not be released to walk across the flow of traffic. Please pick them up!
- Never drop off an elementary school child in front of the building unless a Religious Education staff person is present.
- Children in grades 6-8 are dropped off and picked up in front of the Middle School Building. It is usually dark during pick-up so please drive with extraordinary care in the parking lot.
- High School Students are dropped off and picked up in front of the Fr. Val Sheedy Center. If a High School student drives himself or herself please ask them to drive with extreme care in the parking lot, especially as they pull out of the parking space. The speed limit in the parking lot is 10 mph!
- Our Spanish Youth Group meets on Wednesday evenings throughout the year at the Youth House on the property of the Community Center.

Expectations:

Parents

- ❑ Ensure that your child attends class regularly and on time.
- ❑ Communicate any special needs or circumstances that may affect your child within the classroom.
- ❑ Be an active part of your child's Religious Education.
- ❑ Know your child's teacher and help them if they are seeking volunteers for a project or activity.
- ❑ Participate in the adult programs offered on Wednesday nights

Students

- ❑ Behave in a Christian manner at all times, both in the classroom or at any Religious Education event.
- ❑ Actively participate in classroom activities and discussions; ask questions.
- ❑ Attend class regularly and be prepared with any assignments.
- ❑ Respect others and other property. We share the classrooms with the students of Resurrection Catholic School. Please be respectful of their books and materials.

Attendance:

Students are expected to attend 100% of the sessions in order to assure reasonable participation and learning. Please notify the Office of any anticipated absence and when the student will return to class. If you are moving, please notify our office.

Schedules:

Please read the weekly bulletin for programs and schedules for all of our programs. We will be sending home a monthly calendar/newsletter with updates and the class schedule. You can also check the parish web site (www.churchoftheres.net) for the link to Religious Education.

Grades K – 5 (English and Spanish)	Wednesdays	6:15 – 7:45 p.m.
1 st Reconciliation/Eucharist	Mondays	7:00 – 8:30 p.m., as scheduled
Middle School	Wednesdays	6:15 – 7:45 p.m.
High School – 8:30 p.m.	Sundays	Following the 5:00 p.m. Mass: 6:30
Spanish High School Youth Group	Wednesdays	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Confirmation	Mondays	7 – 8:30 p.m. as scheduled
Adult Sessions	Wednesdays	6:15 – 7:45 p.m.

On Wednesday nights, we will begin in the Parish Hall with praise and worship music and an opening prayer. We will be offering a dinner each Wednesday night at a nominal cost for families and individuals.

Youth Ministry:

Our Youth Ministry programs for Middle and High School students are designed to involve our youth in the life and mission of the Church. Middle School youth participate in social activities, such as themed-game nights and dances; service activities, such as our Summer Workcamp, the parish Easter Egg Hunt, and Christmas shopping for the Angel Tree; and spiritual activities such as weekly prayer, the Stations of the Cross, and participation in the Youth-led Masses at the Sunday evening Mass.

The Senior High youth also participate in the youth-led masses, and can attend the COR Retreat, the Fast-A-Thon, and other events hosted by the deanery and diocese to enhance their spirituality. The REZ group (senior high youth ministry) also attends a weeklong service camp called Catholic H.E.A.R.T. Workcamp each summer. Every two years the youth attend the National Catholic Youth Conference. Many other social, spiritual and service activities are planned throughout the year. Our senior high teens have the opportunity to learn and develop leadership skills by being part of our Youth Ministry Team, which plans and implements activities for our parish youth.

Come and Share your Time and Talent with Us:

The Religious Education program offers several opportunities for ministry. Below is a list of some of those. Please contact the office for more information. All volunteers in the Faith Formation program must submit to being fingerprinted and having a background check according to Diocesan policy.

Catechist: Classroom teacher grades K-8 and High School

Assistant Catechist

Small Group Facilitator: High School Program

Hall Monitor/Building Coordinator: During the Elementary Sessions

Office Assistant: contact Amanda

Fundraiser assistants: Cook, clean, serve or shop.

Middle School Dance Chaperone

High School Volunteer Cook: Cook dinner (Sunday evenings) for group on a rotating basis.

There are many more opportunities. Please contact us for more details.

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

- Adult Faith Formation opportunities during the Wednesday Evening Session, Woman of Worship and Adult Bible Study.
- Men's and Women's Sunday Morning Bible Study, held between the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses, August-May.
- Thursday Morning Catholic Scripture Study, 10:00 a.m. most Thursday Mornings

- Sacramental preparation: at both 1st Reconciliation/Eucharist and Confirmation sessions parents are expected to attend with their children. There is a component of the program that is directed towards adult education. Any adult is welcome to attend any of these sessions if they are interested in learning more about any of the sacraments mentioned. Watch the bulletin for dates and topics.
- RCIA meets most Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m in the REZ room of the Fr. Val Sheedy Center. RCIA is traditionally for adults seeking to become Catholic. RCIA is also a great opportunity for practicing Catholics to continue to learn or take a refresher course on topics concerning the Catholic faith. Topics are listed in the bulletin each week and all are welcome to attend.
- Emmaus Retreat program: a weekend retreat program for adults based on the Emmaus story from the Gospel of Luke, organized and led by fellow parishioners, watch the parish bulletin for dates and sign up opportunities.
- Crown Ministry: a program designed to inform, form and transform ourselves about the value of all the gifts that God has given us. Using the Bible as its source book, this program help us understand the meaning of stewardship and how we can become more formed in the principle of Stewardship. Classes will be formed throughout the year, watch the bulletin for dates and times.
- Other special opportunities are scheduled throughout the year. Please watch your bulletin for more details.

Mass attendance:

Mass is the source and summit of all we do here at Church of the Resurrection. We discovered several years ago that nothing stops the celebration of Mass. Following the hurricanes we celebrated Mass in our parish hall when the church was shut down due to damage and mold. Mass continued every day, especially Sunday.

Attending Mass is at first a habit that becomes a part of your week and one that allows us to give back to God for all the blessings He has given us. We do not attend Mass out of obligation, but out of thanksgiving. Eucharist means thanksgiving.

Please allow this practice to become part of your family routine. It isn't about anything but allowing you to experience God through word and sacrament. Please do not take this opportunity away from your child(ren).

If you have any questions or concerns about anything in this calendar, please do not hesitate to contact our office at any time.

Common prayers and practices of the Catholic Church

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer To Your Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, To whom God's love commits me here, Ever this day, be at my side, To light and guard, Rule and guide. Amen.

The Seven Sacraments

Baptism	Reconciliation
Eucharist	Confirmation
Matrimony	Holy Orders
Anointing of the Sick	

Cardinal Virtues:

There are four cardinal virtues: **prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude**. They are called cardinal (Latin: cardo, hinge) virtues because they are hinges on which all moral virtues depend. These are also called moral (Latin: mores, fixed values) because they govern our actions, order our passions, and guide our conduct according to faith and reason.

Theological Virtues:

Sanctifying grace infuses in us the theological (Greek: theos, to God) virtues of **faith, hope and charity**. They enter our soul as permanent habits or dispositions. They are not acquired by repetition of an act; God pours them directly into our soul. These virtues adapt our human faculties for participation in the divine nature.

The Seven Precepts of the Church:

- I. To attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and resting from servile works.
- II. To observe the days of abstinence and fasting.
- III. To confess our sins to a priest, at least once a year.
- IV. To receive Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist at least once a year during Easter Season.
- V. To contribute to the support of the Church.
- VI. To obey the laws of the Church concerning Matrimony.
- VII. To participate in the Church's mission of Evangelization of Souls. (Missionary Spirit of the Church)

Seven major Themes of Catholic Social Teaching:

- Life is sacred, and the dignity of the human person is to be respected.
- All people are equal and have the right to participate fully in the life of their community.
- All people are to be afforded human rights and challenged to live up to human responsibilities.
- We are called to emulate God by showing a special preference for those who are poor and weak.
- We work to continue God's plan for the earth. Work is dignified when worker's rights are protected, and the economy serves the needs of all people.
- We belong to a global family and are challenged to promote peace and solidarity.
- We share one planet; we are stewards of God's garden earth.

The Beatitudes as found in the text of St. Matthew's gospel:

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall possess the land.

Blessed are they who mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The **corporal works of mercy** are:

To feed the hungry; To give drink to the thirsty; To clothe the naked; To harbor the harborless; To visit the sick;

To ransom the captive; To bury the dead.

The **spiritual works of mercy** are:

To instruct the ignorant; To counsel the doubtful; To admonish sinners; To bear wrongs patiently; To forgive offenses willingly; To comfort the afflicted; To pray for the living and the dead.

Glossary

Alpha Retreat=A retreat for Juniors and Seniors in High School, and Young Adults, held in the Diocese 2 times a year

CHWC = Catholic H.E.A.R.T. Workcamp, an opportunity for those in High School to serve the poor throughout the United States

REZ = A shortened form for our Youth Ministry Program, also the name of one room in the Sheedy Center

WOW = Women of Worship, a spin off ministry of MOMS that meets to inform, form and transform their spirituality

MOMS = Ministry of Mothers Sharing, a program designed to help Moms develop their spirituality

Religious Education or RE = formally know as CCD, the teaching and study of our Faith Traditions in the Catholic Church

DRE = Director of Religious Education

YM = Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Team = High School students and adults that plan our High School Youth Ministry Program

YG = a shortened form for Youth Group, it could refer to either High School or Middle School Youth Group

RCIA = The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a program to initiate those of other faith traditions or the unbaptized into the Catholic faith

Emmaus (Men's or Women's) = The retreat ministry for Adults in our parish; there are two men's retreats and two women's retreats a year as well as follow-up gatherings and other events.

SFC = Santa Fe Catholic High School

Dinner Theater = A dinner and entertainment night put on by our High School youth and adults

YM Donor Dinner = The fundraising arm of the Youth Ministry program, YM activities are not paid for with Stewardship Money but raised by the youth or through special donors who support YM

NCYC = National Catholic Youth Conference held every other year, a gathering of over 20,000 Catholic teens gathered together to support each other and share their faith

Parish Mission = A chance for all of us to break away from our daily routine and listen to a speaker for inspiration and who may challenge us to grow in our faith

Mardi Gras = The major fundraiser and community builder for our educational programs here at Church of the Resurrection; every family is asked to give at least 2 hours of their time working Mardi Gras

COR Weekend = A retreat for our High School Youth, especially those preparing for Confirmation

Food Fast = A 24 hour retreat for our High School Youth to help those less fortunate, and learn about world hunger