

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WILL MY CHILD PREPARE FOR SACRAMENTS IN THE CLASSROOM?

All Saints Parish recognizes and supports the primary role of the family in a person's preparation for Sacraments. All Saints partners with families in the preparation. Classroom instructors (both FEP & Catholic school) will teach curriculums that reinforce and support what is being taught in the Sacrament programs and at home, but will not completely prepare a child for the Sacrament.

### WHY DO WE PAY A SEPARATE FEE FOR SACRAMENTS?

The programs are independent of the other formation programs and incur expenses for material, curriculum, and events that cannot be absorbed into those formation budgets.

### WHAT IS THE SUGGESTED AGE FOR THE RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS?

Children must be second grade or older to prepare for First Reconciliation & First Eucharist. Most children prepare in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. There is a program especially designed for older children.

Confirmation is celebrated with students 10<sup>th</sup> grade and older. Preparation begins with faith formation in 9th grade and immediate preparation in 10th grade. The program can accommodate juniors and seniors wishing to prepare.

### I HAVE A CHILD/TEEN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. CAN HE/SHE PREPARE TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS AT ALL SAINTS?

In most cases we are able to work with each family to create a plan for children/teens with special needs to prepare and celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation. Contact Susan Spiegelberg at (952) 985-9982 to create an individualized plan for your child.



# 2019-2020

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION

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Additional information about the sacraments can be found  
in the Parish Office and online at  
<http://www.allsaintschurch.com/sacraments/>

## YOUTH SACRAMENT PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

Preparation for the reception of First Eucharist, First Reconciliation or Confirmation follows a two-step registration procedure.

**First, families must specifically register for a Sacrament Formation program.**

- Registration for Sacraments takes place at the same time as FEP registration.
- Attend parent meeting in September (Dates and times enclosed).

**Second, your son/daughter must also be registered:**

- In the All Saints *Faith Enrichment Program* for the 2019-2020 school year. See FEP Booklet for registration information.
- **Or** be attending All Saints Catholic School or an accredited Catholic High School in the area.
- **Or** with **permission of the program director**, participate in a *recognized* Catholic Home School Association.



### SACRAMENT FORMATION FEES

<b>Reconciliation &amp; Eucharist</b>	<b>\$75</b>
<b>Reconciliation only (Gr. 4+)</b>	<b>\$40</b>
<b>Confirmation</b>	<b>\$75 (plus retreat fee)</b>

Sacrament formation programs are independent of other parish/school programs and carry an additional fee for materials, activities, and resources. No child will be denied formation. If you need financial assistance please call the Parish Office.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The marriage relationship is the revelation of the love of Jesus for his people, the Church. As a Sacrament, it is a public witness of the whole community's fidelity, obedience, and love of God.



Pre-Marriage programs provided at All Saints lead couples through the necessary discernment and preparation.

- You may begin the process by contacting the parish office a minimum of **9-12 months prior to a desired wedding date. (Please note dates are often booked 12-15 months in advance.)**
- This will be followed by an appointment with one of the priests or deacons. At this meeting you can firmly set a wedding date and begin preparation.
- Ideally, one of the persons wishing to marry at All Saints reside within the parish boundaries or have family registered in the parish.
- Preparation includes: 2 to 3 meetings with the priest or deacon; FOCCUS inventory, mentoring by a trained mentor couple; and a parish-based pre-marriage retreat.

### THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK



Any member of the faithful who becomes gravely ill is a candidate for this sacrament. One need not be at the point of death. If someone you know has become ill or hospitalized you are encouraged to contact the parish as soon as possible, even at an inconvenient hour of the night. Contact Fr. Tom Wilson or Fr. Joseph Gifford at (952) 469-4481. After office hours, in case of an emergency, an operator will contact one of the priests.

Twice a year the sacrament will be offered in church during a special Saturday Anointing Mass. Upcoming dates are **November 9, 2019 and March 7, 2020 at 11 o'clock.**

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION REQUIREMENT FOR GRADE 9



In keeping with Archdiocesan recommendations, candidates for Confirmation ***MUST*** attend parish faith formation (or Catholic High School) in ***both*** 9th and 10th grade to prepare for the Sacrament in sophomore year.

Please see the **FEP Booklet** for registration and program information. (Grade 9 registers and pays for FEP only)



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA helps adults and young adults (age 18+) learn about the Catholic Faith and prepare for the initiation sacraments that are typically celebrated at the Easter Vigil Mass. Participants and their sponsors meet together on Tuesday evenings from the fall through Easter. Alternate times are possible if needed. Participants include:

- Those who are not yet baptized preparing to celebrate Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- Those baptized in another Christian denomination preparing to become Catholic.
- Those who were baptized Catholic preparing to celebrate their Confirmation, and perhaps their First Eucharist.

Our RCIA introductory meeting will be  
**Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019**  
**7:00-8:45 pm**

If you plan to attend, please pre-register by calling  
Mike Vievering at (952) 469-6480.



## BAPTISM PREPARATION INFANTS & CHILDREN

**Infant-Age 4:** Parents attend two preparat  
t i o n s e s s i o n s .  
The sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sundays of each month. Contact the parish office at (952) 469-  
4331 for more information and to register for classes.

**Age 5 - Grade 12:** Families with older children are offered  
individualized preparation, which includes parent and child

## GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF GODPARENTS

Each person to be baptized must have one Catholic godparent who is a practicing Catholic and able to receive the sacraments. If there are two godparents there must be one male and one female sponsor. A non-Catholic may serve as the second sponsor if they are a baptized and practicing Christian in another denomination. No more than two godparents can be recorded in the Baptismal registry.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION (GRADE 4 AND OLDER)

First Reconciliation preparation for older children involves three one-hour parent/student sessions in the Fall with the celebration on Saturday November 16th, 2019.

First Eucharist preparation involves four parent/student 1-hour sessions starting in February with the celebration in the Spring. Preparation is also available in Spanish

**The fall First Reconciliation Series begins**  
**Monday, Oct. 7th from 5:30-6:30 pm**

Further information will be sent to those who register.  
If questions, call Mike Vievering at 952-469-6480.



## FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION (GRADES 2 & 3)

### Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also called the Sacrament of Penance or Confession. All Saints prepares children for this Sacrament in the fall of the year. The focus of this preparation is to help children and their families come to understand the effect that wrong doing (sin) has on relationships, so that they can fully celebrate the loving forgiveness of Christ in the Sacrament.

*First reception of Reconciliation will happen on Saturday November 16th, 2019.*

### First Eucharist

Young people prepare for their first reception of Eucharist (Communion) in the Winter/Spring season of the year. Preparation is intended to help children and families understand the celebration of the Mass, as well as embrace the mystery of Christ's gift of the Eucharist.

*First receptions of Eucharist occur at special weekend Masses in the spring.*

### COMPONENTS OF PREPARATION FOR BOTH RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST

- Parish provided formation materials to be used by the family.
- Parent formation evenings (3 in the fall and 3 in the spring).

The first Parent meeting is **Wednesday, September 11, 2019**  
4:00-5:15 pm - Commons OR 5:30-6:45 pm - Commons

Childcare will be available. Please e-mail  
[nursery@allsaintschurch.com](mailto:nursery@allsaintschurch.com) to RSVP.

- Parent/Child Activity Days (one in the fall and one in the spring) to support home formation and "practice" the specifics of reception.
- Celebration dates that offer choices for homes hoping to include extended family.

## CONFIRMATION TWO YEAR PROGRAM (Grade 9 information on next page)

### Immediate Confirmation Preparation (Grade 10 or older)

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is an opportunity to strengthen one's acceptance of the Holy Spirit in life, and to make the decision to shape a life of witness to Christ. With this in mind, All Saints will provide the following options for Confirmation preparation in 2019-2020.



Students in **both options** will be expected to attend Mass regularly, attend a retreat, fulfill other youth ministry requirements, and complete a journal.

#### OPTION A: (Attending **public high school**)

**First**, all young people are to be enrolled and attending FEP on Sunday mornings or Monday evenings.

**Second**, Students and parent (or Confirmation sponsor) will attend four Confirmation Preparation events (two are built into the FEP schedule).

#### OPTION B: (Attending an accredited **Catholic High School or full-time homeschool**, including religion.)

**First**, all CHS and homeschool students should be taking and passing religion/theology classes as specified in their program.

**Second**, once a month attend a Sunday morning formation session, and attend the four Confirmation preparation events. Two are built into the Sunday morning program.

**All 10th Graders** preparing for the Sacrament *and a parent or guardian* are required to attend

**CATCH THE SPIRIT**

**Sunday, Sept 29, 2019 7:00-8:30 pm**