

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH
624 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308

Religious Education Calendar

2017 - 2018

MEETING TIMES: grades Kindergarten through 12 – 9:15 to 10:15 AM Sunday mornings
Preschool (age 4 by September 1st and potty trained) - 10:30 to 11:30 AM Sunday

CLASSES BEGIN Sunday, August 13th

CLASSES CONTINUE through April 30th

WITH THE FOLLOWING BREAKS:

- * September 3 - LABOR DAY
- * November 12 - VETERAN'S DAY
- * November 26 – THANKSGIVING WEEKEND – NO CLASS
- * December 17 – CHRISTMAS BREAK – NO CLASS
- * December 24 – WINTER BREAK – NO CLASS
- * December 31 - WINTER BREAK - NO CLASS
- * March 11 & 18 – SPRING BREAK – NO CLASS
- * April 1 – EASTER – NO CLASS

SUBMISSION OF BAPTISMAL RECORD IS REQUIRED ON ENTRY TO FIRST GRADE

Special Events

Liturgy of the Word for Children: 10:30 am Sunday Mass - Children in grades Kindergarten, 1, & 2 are invited to participate. There is no preparation or sign-up required. Children are called forth from the congregation to hear and reflect upon the Gospel in an age-appropriate way and then returned to their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. (Note: This is not meant for preschoolers or children older than grade 2. Religious Education classes are offered during this Mass for 4 year olds. Once children have celebrated First Holy Communion, their presence in church throughout Mass is expected.)

Christmas Vigil: The 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Masses are designated as the Children's Masses. The children will perform a special Christmas presentation, yet to be determined. If rehearsal is required, the time and date will be posted in the parish bulletin.

Prayer Recitation and Listening: Children are assigned specific prayers to memorize at designated grade levels (see the attached "Prayer Schedule" and "Prayers to be Memorized"). Please be sure your children recite the prayers they are assigned (up to and including their grade level) every night. This establishes a HABIT OF DAILY PRAYER and facilitates comfortable memorization. Parent volunteers will come to listen to the children individually recite their prayers during classes the first two Sundays of December. We need parent "prayer listeners" who will receive complete instructions prior to the event. (*Online registration is available on the Parish's website or call Rosie Beasley at 321-3850.*)

The Catechism : All curriculum work toward an in-depth and cumulative knowledge of the faith and life of the Church. However, we need to be sure that we don't "lose sight of the forest for the trees." There are basic Catholic teachings with which we all should be familiar and even commit to memory. We invite you to refer to the succinct "Thumbnail View of the Catechism of the Catholic Church" attached to this packet and use it as a guideline for discussion with your children. Frequent reference to these teachings will provide your children with a significant understanding of Catholicism and serve to more effectively form them in the faith.

Sacramental Gift Presentation: In order to "hand-on" our Catholic traditional devotions and in appreciation of children and families who faithfully attend religious education classes, learn their prayers, and study their catechism, the parish presents each student with a specially selected sacramental religious article (as listed on the "Prayer Schedule") which will be blessed by our priest and presented in the church during class on April 22nd. Parents and parishioners are invited.

FIRST COMMUNION: Having completed 2 years of formal religious education, baptized children in grade 2 of both the RE program and Trinity Catholic School as well as home schooled children will be preparing to receive their sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion together. Public school children must attend RE classes every week. Children who miss more than 3 classes will be asked to make up lessons and may be required to postpone receipt of these sacraments due to a lack of preparedness. **PROOF OF BAPTISM MUST HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BEFORE ENTRY INTO THIS PROGRAM.**

Attendance at the following sessions is required:

- **First Parent Meeting**: Tuesday, October 3rd, 7:00 – 9:00 PM Parish Hall
- **Children's Sacramental Catechesis for First Reconciliation**:
"Reconciliation Workshop" - Saturday, January 27,
1:00 – 4:00 PM, in the Parish Center
- **First Penance**: Saturday, February 3, 1:00 PM in the church
- **Second Parent Meeting**: Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 – 9:00 PM Parish Hall
- **Children's Sacramental Catechesis for First Communion**:
"First Communion Retreat" - Saturday, April 7
9:00 am to 12:30 PM in the Parish Center
- **First Communion - Penance Service and individual Confessions**:
To be determined at a later date
- **First Communion Rehearsal**:
Saturday, April 28th, at 10:00 AM in the church
- **First Communion Mass and reception**:
Sunday, April 29th, at the 12:15 PM Mass

Specific information will be mailed to families throughout the year and will be posted in the church bulletin.

Children's Catechumenate (R.C.I.A. Adapted for Children): *Unbaptized or Baptized-Non-Catholic* youth between 7 and 18 years old wishing to celebrate their sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation are required to complete 2 years of religious formation before entering into the R.C.I.A. Adapted for Children Program.

Our program for second year youth will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 - 10:15 beginning in September. Contact the DRE for enrollment or questions. An orientation meeting is scheduled for October 18. Watch the church bulletin for details.

Sacramental Make-up Classes: Catholic baptized but uncatechized youth who have missed the Sacraments of First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation, and/or Confirmation at their normative age, will attend special classes after completing 2 years of ongoing religious education. Contact the DRE for enrollment or questions.

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Our High School Youth Group, "LIFE TEEN" meets on Sundays at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall and also on Thursday evenings in the Miccosukee Room (Small groups) at 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM. They participate in many parish, city-wide, and diocesan events such as conferences, campouts, rallies, prayer services, and service activities. Our High School Youth Minister is Chris Ackerman and he can be reached at (615) 945-4350. The Middle School Youth Group, "EDGE," meets on Friday evenings in the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Our Middle School Youth Minister is Nelson Thielen and he can be reached at (407) 406-0778.

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS

Adult Faith Formation: Several opportunities for adults to deepen their understanding, experience, and involvement in our Catholic faith are offered here at Blessed Sacrament. Be sure to watch the church bulletin for announcements and specific information under the title, "Adult Faith Formation!"

- **Sunday morning Scriptural Prayer Group: Wendy Soto continues to offer her women's Bible discussion and prayer group on Sunday mornings in the Miccosukee Room after the 8:00 AM Mass.**
- **Adult Faith Formation (AFF): Bible Study is presented in the Brevard Room, Monday evenings, 7:00 to 8:30 pm (Sept. – May). Watch the church bulletin for details. Deacons Lou Fete and Pat Dallet are the leaders.**
- **Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)men's and women's retreats and formation program are offered twice annually.**
- **"Echoes In Faith" video-based catechesis is offered for home use online and qualifies for catechist certification credits. Contact Rosie Beasley to enroll.**
- **Adult Formation opportunities will be presented by the diocese at various parishes throughout Tallahassee and will be posted in the church bulletin.**
- **R.C.I.A. directed by Fr. Matthew Busch on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM at the Neumann Center.**

On behalf of the priests and all Blessed Sacrament parishioners, I warmly welcome you to the Religious Education Program and thank you, in advance, for your support and help throughout the year. If you would like to become involved, please contact me. It is our hope that, in accord with the "General Directory For Catechesis," every Catholic's personal faith matures into one that is living, explicit, and fruitful.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Rosie Beasley, DRE (321-3850)

Blessed Sacrament Church
Religious Education Month-At-A-Glance
School Year 2017 - 2018

August

6, 13	9:00AM - 1:30PM	<u>RE registration</u>	Parish Hall
13	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class # 1</u>	TCS
15	7:00 – 9:00 PM	Catechist Meeting	Parish Hall
20	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class #2</u>	Trinity Catholic School (TCS)
27	9:15 AM & 10:30	<u>RE Class #3</u>	TCS

September

3	NO RE - LABOR DAY		
10	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class #4</u>	TCS
10	9:30 AM	RE Parent Meeting	Media Center TCS
17	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class #5</u>	TCS
17	10:30 Mass	Rite of Commissioning Catechists	Church
18	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Parish Hall
24	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class #6</u>	TCS
25	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Parish Hall
30	8:00 – 3:30 PM	Bishop Ricard's Conference (Catechist Training)	St. Sylvester Parish

October

1	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE class #7</u>	TCS
2	7:00PM	Adult faith Formation	Parish Hall
3	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Parent Meeting for First Communion	Parish Hall
		Bring proof of Baptism if not already submitted to RE	
8	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class #8 (Confessions, 5 & 6th grades)</u>	TCS
9	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Parish Hall
15	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class #9 (Confessions, 7 & 8th grades)</u>	TCS
16	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Parish Hall
22	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class #10</u>	TCS
23	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Parish Hall
29	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE class #11</u>	TCS
		SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING- ALL GRADES	
30	7:00 PM	Adult faith Formation	Parish Hall

November

1		All Saints' Day	
5	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class #12</u>	TCS
6	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Parish Hall
12		NO RE CLASSES - VET DAY	
13	7:00 PM	Adult faith Formation	Parish Hall
14	7:00 PM	Catechist training	Parish Hall
19	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class #13</u>	TCS

20	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Parish Hall
26	THANKSGIVING WEEKEND- NO RE CLASSES		

December

3	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class #14</u> - Prayer Listening (week 1)	TCS
4	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Parish Hall
10	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class #15</u> - Prayer Listening (week 2)	TCS
11	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Brevard Room
17	CHRISTMAS BREAK - NO CLASS		
24 & 31	WINTER BREAK - NO CLASSES		

January

7	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class #16</u>	TCS
8	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	TCS
9	7:00 PM	Catechist Training	Parish Hall
14	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE class #17</u>	TCS
15	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation - MLK Day-	Parish Hall
21	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class #18</u>	TCS
22	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Parish Hall
27	1:00 – 4:00 PM	“First Reconciliation Workshop”	Church/ Parish Center
28	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class #19</u>	TCS

February

3	1:00 PM	FIRST RECONCILIATION (2 nd grade)	Church
4	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class # 20</u>	TCS
5	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Parish Hall
11	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class #21</u>	TCS
12	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Parish Hall
14	ASH WEDNESDAY (Don't forget to take your family to the Stations of the		

Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM!

18	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class #22 (Confessions, 3,4,5th grades)</u>	TCS
20	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Parish Hall
25	9:15 & 10:30 PM	<u>RE Class # 23 (Confessions 6,7 & 8th grades)</u>	TCS
26	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Parish Hall

March

4	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class #24-Stations of the Cross</u>	TCS- Church
5	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Parish Hall
11 & 18	SPRING BREAK – NO RE CLASSES		
20	7:00 - 9:00 PM	2nd Parent Meeting for 1st Communion	Parish Hall
25	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE class #25</u>	TCS
26 – 31	HOLY WEEK – BRING YOUR FAMILY TO THE SERVICES		

April

1	EASTER SUNDAY – NO RE CLASSES		
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7	9:00 AM -12:30 PM	First Communion Retreat	Church & Parish Ctr.
8	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class #26</u>	TCS
9	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Parish Hall
15	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class # 27 - Stations of the Cross</u>	TCS
16	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Parish Hall
22	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class #28-Sacramental Gifts</u>	TCS/Church
24	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation	Parish Hall
28	10:00 AM	First Communion Rehearsal	Parish Hall/ church
		First communion Confessions to be determined later.	
29	9:15 & 10:30	<u>RE Class # 29 -LAST CLASS</u>	TCS
29	12:15 PM	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	Church

Mission Statement for our Religious Education Program

- In the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we echo the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

- In collaboration with every family, we hand on the knowledge and practice of our heritage of faith.

- In communion with the Holy Catholic Church, we embrace our own spirituality and hope as we lead all children of God to a true conversion of heart.

- Through the redeeming action of Jesus Christ, we work for the transformation of the world and the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Please contact your Director of Religious Education, Rosie Beasley with any questions or concerns at (850) 3213850 or at beasleyrosie@gmail.com.