



OUR LADY, STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

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“I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord.”

Pope Francis

Dear Religious Education Parents:

Given the demands of Covid-19 safety, this year our parish offers a choice of in-person classes or virtual classes online.

Our Religious Education in-person program begins Sunday, October 18, at 10:00-11:00am for grades 1-10. Weekly schedule opportunities also include:

Mondays	3:00-4:00pm for grades 1-8
Tuesdays	3:00-4:00pm for grades 1-6
Tuesdays	6:00-7:00pm for grades 6-10
Wednesdays	3:00-4:00pm for grades 1-8

Each in-person class will meet weekly for one hour. A maximum number of nine students is allowed for any class to maintain social distance. The Tuesday evening Grade 9 is filled, but we may add another 9th grade class if we have a teacher.

Our virtual on-line classes will begin the week of October 25 for all grades. Communication of lessons will be through a Parish FlipGrid invitation which will be sent to the family email. Lessons will happen weekly. There is no pre-determined time or hour. Students may choose any time convenient to them during the week to open their lesson. Students will respond to the teacher in the course of completing each lesson and /or activity. Families with students in more than one grade may choose to have each student do his or her own lesson. Alternately, a family may choose to use a multi-grade lesson which will involve the whole family at the same time.

A large part of our Religious Education program is proper preparation for our students to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. We also nurture the graces received in these sacraments by continuing the children's education in faith and deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ at every level.

Our volunteer catechists generously give a lot of time and effort to ensure that our students receive an excellent Catholic education. We ask that everyone please be prompt for their in-person class and attend regularly. We ask that online classes be done each week, and include an appropriate response sent to the teacher.

Because we are doing more this year and offering a double program for you, we are in need of generous volunteers. In-person teachers will be needed so that we might offer our best to families who choose this option. Online teachers are also needed to record a brief (3 minute) video introduction to each lesson and, then, to receive, evaluate and share with the class the students' responses to the lessons they complete.

Working together, we do our best to build a firm foundation in our Catholic faith. Please recommit again this year to making weekly Mass attendance (in-person or online) and religious education (in-person or online) a priority in your family..

With Blessings,

Mary J. Pagliarulo, DRE

Monsignor Tim Moran, Pastor