

Welcome!



Faith Formation
2022-23

Tasks of Catechesis

Education and formation require attention to the whole person. Faith formation must stretch beyond just the transmitting of information. We must seek to engage each person in their journey of discovering who Jesus Christ is and God's plan for their life. Assisting them to develop a habit of practicing the Faith and living it authentically is also important.

The Six Fundamental Tasks of Catechesis

The General Directory for Catechesis specifies the six tasks of catechesis:

1. Catechesis promotes knowledge of the faith.
 - ❖ *Catechism class at home for children ~ Monthly calendar on parish website*
 - ❖ FORMED – Formation for everyone: <https://signup.formed.org/>
2. Catechesis promotes a knowledge of the meaning of the Liturgy and the Sacraments.
 - ❖ *Active and regular participation at Sunday Mass*
 - ❖ *Participation in at least 5 Special Celebrations:*
 - *November 1* *All Saints*
 - *November 2* *All Souls*
 - *November 28* *Thanksgiving Mass*
 - *December 8* *Immaculate Conception*
 - *December 12* *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
 - *February 22* *Ash Wednesday*
 - *April 6* *Holy Thursday*
 - *April 7* *Good Friday*
3. Catechesis promotes moral formation in Jesus Christ.
 - ❖ *Read the Bible with your children, be a good witness to the Gospel ~ Acts of the Apostles*

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4. Catechesis teaches the Christian how to pray with Christ.
 - ❖ *Pray with your children, do the assigned faith sharing projects with them*
~ *Prayer Book*
5. Catechesis prepares the Christian to live in community and to participate actively in the life and mission of the Church.
 - ❖ *Bring money contribution to support the work and mission of the Church*
6. Catechesis promotes a missionary spirit that prepares the faithful to be present as Christians in society.
 - ❖ *Bring food offering to share with those less fortunate*
 - ❖ *Get involved with your children in any ministry that serves the poor ~ Community Care, SVDP, etc.*

“These six tasks of catechesis constitute a unified whole by which catechesis seeks to achieve its objective: the formation of disciples of Jesus.” (NCD 20, p. 61-63; GDC 86-87)

Expectations for Families in Faith Formation

Active Parent Participation At Home

- ❖ **Pray**
 - Have your children see you pray, pray with your children.
 - **Do the assigned faith sharing projects with your children.**
 - Help your children learn the prayers by heart...Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary...etc.
- ❖ **Share the Gospel weekly** with your child, be a good witness to the gospel for your children.
- ❖ **Read the Bible** with your children.
- ❖ **Practice** the faith at all times and in all places.

FORMED

All parents and guardians need to subscribe to FORMED so students can complete assignments throughout the year. Use the simple steps below:

1. Go to <https://signup.formed.org/> to subscribe.
2. Enter our parish zip code: **94550**
3. Enter your name and email address. You're in!

After you Sign Up, download the FORMED App by searching "FORMED Catholic" in your App store.

Signs of Grace

- Parents will watch the three 35-minute videos called FORGIVEN/LOVED at the start of Lesson 1, Lesson 2, and Lesson 3.
- Use the discussion questions in the study guide. Children, along with their parents(s), will complete all 7-8 sessions.
- Each lesson will take about 30-40 minutes.

Parents, please note that you and your child can follow Miss Mary together as she reads each lesson aloud, or you can read the lesson to your child instead. You can be confident that, either way, you will enjoy this time together.

Signs of Grace

To begin, click the link in the text to enroll and then follow the steps below.

Note: Unless you have more than one child receiving the sacrament at this time, ***please do not use the link to enroll more than once.***

If you have more than one child preparing for the sacrament now, you must use a unique email address to register each student.

Step 1: A. If you are new to Prepared for Grace, create a new account by entering your child's name, email address, and password. **Do not use your own name.** Click REGISTER. If you already have an account, refer to the box below to simply login.

Step 2: Once you are in the course, please click on Welcome to Signs of Grace on the left and begin reading the welcome message. You have a hard-copy activity book which has fun activities and stickers, as well as the student guide.

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Step 3: Click on Session 1: God Is Our Loving Father PARENT VIDEO/FORGIVEN Parents, use the study guide and work through the questions while watching the video. PARENT/CHILD To start the first student lesson, click on Let's Pray and Introduction. View or Print the pdfs under the videos. Read along with Miss Mary or read to your child using the pdf. Continue working through Lesson 1. Always click this link to continue to the next screen.

Step 4. Continue working through all the other 6-7 sessions. You can leave at any time. When you return to the site, simply login and click RESUME COURSE: At the end of the course, you can print out a certificate of completion.