

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Family Faith Formation 2023 – 2024

Four Pillars of Faith Formation at OLG:

- 1) **Parent Educators:** As the parents you play the most important role in passing on the faith to your children. For this reason, both children and parents attend classes together.
- 2) **Prayer:** Prayer is the key to worshiping God and loving Jesus. We make prayer part of the rhythm of our lives. We draw from traditional memorized prayers as well as creative prayer experience to help us encounter God in a deeper way.
- 3) **Sunday Mass:** As Christians we gather on Sunday to worship God and offer the sacrifice of the mass. It is vitally important that Christian families find time for Sunday worship.
- 4) **Catechesis:** The goal of catechesis is to teach your children the fullness of the Catholic faith so that they can know who God is, trust in Jesus' saving work and love God with their whole heart. We want to give your children the tools to live a happy and moral life that will one day help them to arrive in heaven.

Whole Family – Year 1

Sundays 10:15 – 11:30 AM
for Families with Children
In Grades 1 – 5
who Have Not Received
First Communion

Oct 8	Orientation/Creation & Its Care
Oct 22	Baptism & Church
Nov 12	Advent, Prayer, and Saints
Dec 10	Christmas
Jan 14	Jesus Welcomes Us
Jan 28	Conscience & Forgiveness
Feb 11	Lent
Feb 25	Last Supper & Eucharist
Mar 10	Christ's Love Strengthens Us
Mar 24	The Lord's Prayer & Stations of the Cross
Apr 7	Jesus Died and Rose for Us (Easter)
Apr 21	Disciples and Love those in Need
May 5	Pentecost, and Review

Whole Family Faith Formation

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This family centered program meets once a month beginning September 10 and is for students who have received their First Communion.

September 10
October 8
November 12
December 10
January 7
February 11
March 10
April 7
May 19

Important Policies

Both children and at least one parent are expected to attend each session.

Attendance – Regular attendance is expected. If you miss a session, please contact the Evangelization office (510) 582-9266 or ffc@olgcv.org. Only 2 excused absences are permitted per year.

Mass - Regular mass attendance is an important part of our program. By registering for our programs you are committing to attending mass regularly for the year.

Community – We encourage all of our families to be engaged in our parish life by sharing your time, talent and treasure.

Fees – Registration fees are \$120 per child and \$60 for additional children. Registration is open until October 1, 2023. If there is trouble paying the fee, we welcome you to call the parish office to discuss other options.

First Communion – Year 2

Sundays 10:15 – 10:55 AM

Students enrolling in the First Communion class need to:

- o Have completed one year of Faith Formation (This may be done in another parish.)
- o At least be entering 2nd grade.
- o Present a copy of their Baptismal Certificate

Reconciliation Preparation:

Aug 27	Orientation/Safe Environment
Sept 10	God Chooses Me
Oct 1	I Grow Closer to Jesus
Oct 15	I Learn About Rules of Love
Nov 5	I Disobey Rules
Nov 19	Being Sorry, Ask Forgiveness
Dec 3	Reconciliation: Let's Celebrate

Saturday, Dec 16 - 10:00 Reconciliation

Eucharist Preparation:

Jan 7	Everyone Arrives at Mass
Jan 21	We Listen
Feb 4	We Offer Ourselves
Feb 18	We Pray
Mar 3	We Receive
Mar 17	We Are Sent
Apr 14	First Communion Retreat

Saturday, May 4 - 10:45 in the Church

First Communion Rehearsal

First Communion Masses: Sunday, May 19

At 9:00, 11:00 and 1:00

A Family of Faith Curriculum is a wonderful program that helps parents teach the faith to their children. At our monthly gatherings we will guide you, the parents, through the activities that help you teach the faith to your children.

First Reconciliation and Eucharist: Our curriculum is "Growing Up Catholic". In this process, YOU become the actual teacher of your child, but we guide you through every step. This is a memorable time in your child's life – and the memories you make during the preparation period will be cherished for a long time. In preparing your child for Reconciliation and Eucharist you will find that these materials are a delight to use and relevant to your journey of faith.

"Formed", a Catholic Streaming Service: Join Formed, the Catholic video streaming service provided for you for FREE. Go to www.formed.org and create your own account. Set up your account under "I belong to a Parish", search for Castro Valley, and join Our Lady of Grace Church. You can also download the app from the app store for your phone or tablet.

Register Online: www.olgcv.org/learn/

Questions: 510.582.9266

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