

**OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Family Faith Formation**  
**2024 - 2025**

**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

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| Oct 13 | Orientation/Creation & Its Care           |
| Oct 27 | Baptism & Church                          |
| Nov 10 | Advent, Prayer, and Saints                |
| Dec 8  | Christmas                                 |
| Jan 12 | Jesus Welcomes Us                         |
| Jan 26 | Conscience & Forgiveness                  |
| Feb 9  | Lent                                      |
| Feb 23 | Last Supper & Eucharist                   |
| Mar 9  | Christ's Love Strengthens Us              |
| Mar 23 | The Lord's Prayer & Stations of the Cross |
| Apr 6  | Jesus Died and Rose for Us (Easter)       |
| Apr 27 | Disciples and Love those in Need          |
| May 4  | Pentecost, and Review                     |

**Whole Family Faith Formation**

Sundays 10:15 to 11:30 AM

This family centered program meets once a month beginning September 15 and is for students who have received their First Communion.

- September 15
- October 6
- November 10
- December 8
- January 12
- February 9
- March 9
- April 6
- May 18

**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](mailto: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 September 15. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.*
- o *Present a copy of their Baptismal Certificate*

**Reconciliation Preparation:**

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| Aug 25 | Orientation/Safe Environment    |
| Sept 8 | God Chooses Me                  |
| Oct 6  | I Grow Closer to Jesus          |
| Oct 20 | I Learn About Rules of Love     |
| Nov 3  | I Disobey Rules                 |
| Nov 17 | Being Sorry, Ask Forgiveness    |
| Dec 1  | Reconciliation: Let's Celebrate |

**Saturday, Dec 15 - 10:15 Reconciliation**

**Eucharist Preparation:**

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| Jan 5  | Everyone Arrives at Mass       |
| Jan 19 | We Listen                      |
| Feb 2  | We Offer Ourselves             |
| Feb 16 | We Pray                        |
| Mar 2  | We Receive                     |
| Mar 16 | We Are Sent                    |
| Apr 13 | <b>First Communion Retreat</b> |

**Saturday, May 3 - 10:30 in the Church**

First Communion Rehearsal

**First Communion Masses: Sunday, May 18**

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](http://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/](http://www.olgcv.org/learn/)

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