

# ST. GABRIEL'S

## faith formation



### **Parent Information Packet**

#### **Class Schedule**

The schedule for the entirety of the Faith Formation year is included in this packet and is readily available on the parish website, [stgabrielspoway.org](http://stgabrielspoway.org).

You are allowed to change your child's session once during the year, should we be able to accommodate it. If you find you have a recurring schedule conflict, you can contact the office and find a session time that better works for your family.

#### **Attendance**

Attendance to Faith Formation classes is mandatory. Students are expected to arrive on time and remain in class for the duration of the session. That being said, we understand illness and family emergencies happen.

A student is allowed three excused absences over the course of the year. If more than three absences occur, action will have to be taken to discuss the child in Faith Formation.

For an absence to be excused, the office must be notified of the absence prior to the start of the class session in question.

An unexcused absence is a "no call, no show" and after three unexcused absences your child may be dropped from their class, as we have students on a waitlist waiting to attend.

#### **Behavior**

Our classes are generously staffed and taught by volunteers who graciously give their free time to teach the children of our parish. It is important that all students behave in a way that exemplifies our Catholic faith. All children are expected to act in a way that is respectful to their teacher, fellow students, and the church's supplies and facilities. Any behavior contrary to this will result in a phone call home, and the child will be asked to leave for the remainder of the class session.

### **Communication**

The email that was used to register your child is the main email address that will be used for communication. If this is an issue, or you aren't/haven't been receiving emails from the office, please inform the staff.

Email is the most convenient way for us to contact the hundred of parents in our program, so please be sure to keep up on email communication coming from the office. Important information and updates are sent throughout the year and parents are responsible for checking these emails and being aware of all info that is sent out. Please be sure to check junk, spam, and promotion folders and mark our emails as safe or add them to your contacts.

### **Pick-Up Protocol**

Afternoon sessions are held from 3:45-5:00pm and evening sessions are held from 5:30-6:45pm on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays. All students must be picked up from their classrooms. This is to avoid children being out in the parking lot at night, and keeping classes together to keep track of which students have been picked up and who is still waiting and ultimately, to ensure the children's safety.

If your child is not picked up by 10 minutes after the end of class (5:10 and 6:55), they will wait with a staff member in the office and a guardian will be contacted.

### **Documentation**

If you have yet to submit baptismal certificates, payment, or any other necessary documents to the office, please do so at your earliest convenience. Children in Sacrament Prep cannot receive First Reconciliation and Communion until we have proof and documentation of their baptism.

### **Safe in Our Diocese**

The Diocese of San Diego is committed to providing a safe environment for all who worship, work, or participate in education and formation opportunities in our parishes. To provide this safe environment for your children, all our catechists and aides are background checked and must complete the diocesan certification and completion of the "Safe Environment Training."

Children are also taught in class that we are

-All created in God's image and likeness

-Our bodies are sacred and special

-Because our bodies are sacred, no one has the right to touch us in a way that makes us feel weird, uncomfortable, scared, or worried

-Your body belongs to you

-No one has the right to hurt us or threaten someone we love

All the above information is covered in an age-appropriate format, and we encourage you to continue such discussions at home. If you have any further questions, please contact the office.

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Thank you for entrusting us with your children. We take it as an honor to work alongside you, the primary catechist, to strengthen your child's faith journey.

Please keep in mind, Faith Formation classes do not take the place of living and discussing the faith in your own homes or the weekly obligation of attending Sunday Mass. These classes are designed to supplement, not replace, the faith formation they receive at home in their daily lives. It is of the utmost importance that children are given the opportunity to frequent the sacraments and attend weekly Mass. We must always strive to be good examples of faithful Catholics to our children.

We encourage you to always keep the faith alive in your own homes and will be available for any questions or concerns you may have.

Many Blessings,

**Maddie Hoeger**, K-5 Coordinator

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## Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation Calendar 2024-2025

- Tuesday Session
- Wednesday Session
- Faith Formation Event
- Sacrament Prep Event
- Catechist Event

JULY							AUGUST							SEPTEMBER						
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- 9/27 – Parent Meeting 5:30–6:30pm in the C Building
- 10/1-2 – First Class
- 11/22 – Catechist Appreciation Dinner
- No Class 11/26-27 (Thanksgiving Break)
- 12/17-18 – Nativity Play
- No Class 12/24-1/1 (Christmas & New Year's Break)
- 1/4 – All MEND meetings completed for Sac 2 Students
- 1/6-1/17 – Assessment Meetings for First Reconciliation
- 1/25 – First Reconciliation 10:00am in the Church
- No Class 2/18-19
- 3/8 – Lent Family Gathering (required for Sac 2 Students)
- 4/12 – First Communion Rehearsal
- 4/12 – All NOURISH meetings completed for Sac 2 Students
- No Class 4/15-16 (PUSD Spring Break)
- 4/12 – First Communion Rehearsal
- 4/14-25 – Assessment Meetings for First Communion
- 5/3-4 – Tentative First Communion Dates
- 5/6-7 – Last Class with May Crowning
- 5/25 – End of Year Catechist Appreciation