

2018-2019 Schedule of Classes 6:15-7:15pm

PLEASE NOTE: NO CLASSES during Christmas Break, Spring Break, and Holy Week



Sept. 25,26	Gathering Celebration
Oct. 2,3	
Oct. 9,10	
Oct. 16,17	
Oct. 23,24	
Oct. 30	CLASSES CANCELLED OCT 31 due to Halloween
Nov. 6,7	
Nov. 13,14	
Nov. 20,21	Christ The King
Nov. 27,28	1 <sup>st</sup> week of Advent
Dec. 4,5	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of Advent
Dec. 11,12	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent
Dec. 18,19	CHRISTMAS BREAK <b>NO CLASSES</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of Advent
Dec.25,26	CHRISTMAS BREAK <b>NO CLASSES</b>
Jan. 1,2	<b>NO CLASSES</b>
Jan.8,9	Classes resume
Jan. 15,16	
Jan.22,23	
Jan 29,30	
Feb. 5,6	
Feb.12,13	
Feb. 19,20	
Feb 26,27	
Mar.5,6	<b>Ash Wednesday March 6</b>
Mar.12,13	1 <sup>st</sup> week of Lent
Mar.19,20	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of Lent
<b>Mar. 26,27</b>	<b>NO CLASSES/ SPRING BREAK</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of Lent
Apr.2,3	classes resume - 4 <sup>th</sup> week of Lent
Apr.9,10	5th week of Lent- <b>JOURNEY WITH JESUS IN HIS LAST DAYS</b>
Apr. 16,17	<b>NO CLASSES/HOLY WEEK</b>
Apr. 23,24	Closing Celebrations during class time

# CATECHISM AND SACRAMENTS POLICY for the Parish of St Bernadette

“The first setting in which faith enlightens  
The human city is the family...”

-Pope Francis (52) Lumen Fidei- The Light of Faith

## The Six Tasks of Catechesis (GDC 86-87)

1. Promotes knowledge of the faith.
2. Promotes a knowledge of the meaning of the Liturgy and the sacraments.
3. Promotes moral formation in Jesus Christ.
4. Teaches the Christian how to pray with Christ.
5. Prepares the Christian to live in community and to participate actively in the life and mission of the Church.
6. Promotes a missionary spirit that prepares the faithful to be present as Christians in society.

In accordance with the Diocesan regulations we invite our candidates for sacramental preparation after a minimum year of classroom catechesis.

After much consultation with parents, families and especially our youth of the Parish of St Bernadette we have decided to update our sacramental preparation programs.

**We are preparing our candidates first to journey through the Sacrament of Penance as this is the sacrament best known to them as their parents have been preparing them since birth. Parents attend with their child for each of the 6 sessions.**

**This sacrament will be offered in the second year of catechism or grade 2 for those who have participated in our preschool program.**

**Year 3 will be preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion with their parents attending each of the 6 sessions with the child.**

**We will be preparing candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation in our grade 7 catechism classes. Parents will journey with their teens through 6 sessions after a full intensive year of preparation in our classroom setting. This journey will also include many members of our youth team.**

**FAITH FORMATION IS A LIFE LONG JOURNEY! We invite all parents, grandparents, older teens and young adults and people interested in deepening their faith to join us weekly on Thursday evenings for the Parish of St Bernadette Adult faith evenings where we view various Catholic series with Fr Phil Daley and then gather to discuss the material over fellowship.**

## Catechism Discipline Plan

Discipline is essential to teaching and learning. Therefore we are asking parents and catechists to work together for your children's best interests.

To ensure an environment conducive to learning each catechist will have a set of classroom rules which coincide with the **Basic Catechism Rules** along with consequences which suit the situation and the catechist in charge. No individual child (or group of children) has the right to interfere with or disrupt the learning of the rest of the children. The same rules apply to all children.

The following rules and consequences are respectful of catechists, helpers and the children's needs. Please go over them with your children.

### **Basic Catechism Rules**

1. Children are expected to treat catechists, helpers and all students with respect and courtesy.
2. Children are expected to follow rules in class, in the Parish Centre and on the parish grounds.
3. Children are expected to respect Church and Parish Centre property and the property of others.
4. Children are expected to follow directions, listen and cooperate in all areas of the Catechism program.

If an infraction of any of these rules occurs, the following consequences will occur.

### **Consequences**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Offense | Warning by the catechist   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense | Phone call to parent(s) by catechist of Catechism Coordinator.   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense | Parent(s) phoned to pick up child at time of offense or remain with them in class at teacher's discretion            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Offense | Withdrawal from the Catechism Program because the child's spirit and objectives are contrary to that of the program. |