

Resurrection Catholic Community Faith Formation News 2021-2022

Welcome to All!

In the midst of all the uncertainties and suffering of these past 18 months, we can certainly give God thanks and praise that he has sustained and strengthened us. More than ever, we can see how priceless is the gift of faith in our loving God, who guides us and protects us. As “Amazing Grace” proclaims,

*Through many dangers, toils and snares,
we have already come.*

*‘Tis grace has brought us safe thus far
and grace will lead us home.*

Let us give thanks also for all those who have passed on and nurtured the gift of faith in us: parents, grandparents and other relatives, catechists, priests and deacons, men and women religious, friends and strangers.

Faith is a dynamic reality that must continually be nurtured and exercised through prayer, Word, sacrament, and service. We are very happy to offer to you opportunities to nurture your faith and the faith of all, adults, youth, and children.

As we continue to ride the pandemic roller coaster, with its ups and downs and unknown future, we want to minimize risks and unnecessary exposure. Respect for life has taken on a new dimension as we understand so clearly how our choices and behaviors can positively or negatively impact the health and lives of others.

So this fall we will minimize in-person gatherings and present options for online and home study. It is out of love of neighbor that we will endure more physical separation for a while longer, but we shall be together in the Spirit, bound together by God’s
Amazing Grace!



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Important Dates:

- 9/26 High School Confirmation Orientation & Kick-Off
- 10/3 First Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting after 10:15 Mass
- 10/5 Catholic Information Night

Christian Parenting/Early Childhood Baptism (ages 0-4):

First-time parents are invited to attend one online Baptism class with Deacon Patrick. Please contact him at 831-840-3750 or pfconway@sbcglobal.net

Children's Liturgy of the Word

A Zoom meeting is held on select Sundays during the 10:15 am mass. You will be notified on Saturday via email, so please sign up for the parish email list on our website

<https://resurrection-aptos.org>, if you are not already on it.



For Children in Grades K-5

This Fall, we offer home study for parents and children. After you register your child you will be contacted to pick up a book and schedule an online orientation meeting. Forms are available on our website at <https://resurrection-aptos.org> on our Resource page under Faith Formation in, the church entrance, and in the parish office.

Sacraments: Baptism, Reconciliation & Eucharist

Baptism for School-Age Children: Please contact Deacon Patrick at pfconway@sbcglobal.net or 831-840-3750.

First Eucharist & First Reconciliation for Children: For children in Second Grade (or older) in any school - Catholic and other. **(Catholic schools do not prepare children for 1st Eucharist. This is a parish process).** Children must have at least one previous year of religious education. Preparation begins on October 3rd with a Parent/Child meeting in the church (following the 10:15 AM Mass). First Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday, April 30 at 5 PM & Sunday, May 1 at 10:15 AM (your choice). There is a \$75 materials fee for 2 text books, a children's Bible, and a cross. For more information please contact Deacon Patrick at 831-840-3750 or pfconway@sbcglobal.net



Youth Ministry: Middle School (Grades 6-8), High School (Grades 9-12) & Confirmation 1st & 2nd Year

Middle School & High School Youth Ministry:

In light of the current circumstances due the Coronavirus we will not be running our Middle School and High School Youth Group programs through December. We will re-evaluate the situation at that time.

Youth Confirmation:

Confirmation is open to all High School Youth, beginning in 9th Grade. It is a two-year program. **In light of the current circumstances due the Coronavirus all Juniors and Seniors will enter as 2nd year participants and will only be required to complete one year.**

- *At this time, participants will only be required to attend one Confirmation meeting a month.* Confirmation 1st year 2nd year will meet separately.
- The requirements for Confirmation 1st & 2nd year will be adjusted as needed due to the Coronavirus. (These could include youth group meetings, retreats, special events, volunteer and community service activities for the parish and larger community).

Confirmation Kick-Off event:

- Sunday, September 26 from 12:00 PM–2:00 PM in Markey Community Center
- More information to follow
- Please **register by September 19**. Registration forms are available on our website <https://resurrection-aptos.org>, under Youth Ministry in the Resource Center.

Orientation Meeting for Parents & Youth for High School Confirmation:

- Sunday, September 26 from 11:30 AM–12:00 PM in Markey Community Center

Communication: Emails are sent out about upcoming events and reminders. We provide a calendar at the beginning of the year but sometimes dates change so be sure to read your emails. ***Be sure to indicate your email address on your registration form.***

Contact Information:

- Gabe Summers at 831-688-4300 x22, gb-summers@att.net

All Youth are Welcome! You do not need to be a registered parishioner at Resurrection Church or even Catholic to participate. You are encouraged to invite your friends; however, please remember Faith Formation registration and permission slips must be filled out for everyone who plans to participate.



The Mission of Youth Ministry is to provide a safe place for youth to grow in their faith, their friendships, and their community.

For Adults

Catholic Information Nights: Are you a non-Catholic who would like to learn more about Catholicism? Do you know of someone who would? Join or invite them to join to our Catholic Information Nights on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM starting October 5 on Zoom. All are welcome! Contact Deacon Patrick at pfconway@sbcglobal.net or 831-840-3750 for more information.

Sacraments: If you are a baptized Catholic and would like to complete your initiation into Christ through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, please contact Deacon Patrick Conway at pfconway@sbcglobal.net or 831-840-3750.

Spiritual Direction

Want to grow closer to God? Want to discover God's guidance through the many choices of life? For centuries Christians have benefitted from this ministry of counsel and discernment. Meet with a specially-trained spiritual director for support and help. For more information, contact Deacon Patrick Conway at pfconway@sbcglobal.net or 831-840-3750.

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

Saint Ignatius of Loyola developed these tried-and-true spiritual "exercises" (meditations and prayers) to help anyone who wishes to grow closer to God and to know God's will. The exercises can be done during a 30-day retreat at a retreat center or at home over the course of 30 weeks. Regular support of a spiritual director trained to give the exercises is included. For more information, contact Deacon Patrick Conway at pfconway@sbcglobal.net or 831-840-3750.

Seasonal Events

Other presentations and opportunities for learning and spiritual growth will happen throughout the year. Stay tuned for more information!

