

# Resurrection Catholic Community Faith Formation News 2019-2020

## Welcome to All Families!

As August comes around, we get ready for that time of the year, when summer ends and the new school year begins. At Resurrection we begin registration for all of our Faith Formation Classes: K-5, Middle School & High School Youth Group and Sacramental Preparation for Baptism, Reconciliation & Eucharist, and Confirmation 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year.

This year will be a little different as we begin the remodeling of Markey Community Center. Classes will begin in the hall just as in years past until we get a confirmed date when construction will begin. We will send out a notice to everyone where their new classroom will be. The day and time will not be changed for any of the classes. All classes will remain on Resurrection's campus.

We are blessed with a great team of catechists and youth leaders at Resurrection Parish. They truly love what they are doing and it shows in many ways. The children experience the love of Jesus and His teachings while having fun with their classmates as well as their catechists.

Some of our catechists will not be back this year, so I would like to extend an invitation to any parent/grandparent and fellow parishioner who might have an hour or two to help out in any area of our Faith Formation Programs: K-5, Middle School, and High School. God gives us all gifts and talents, and sometimes we just need the invitation to take the first step and find out how rewarding working with young people can be and how it can enrich our own faith journey. We are all on a journey as one community so let us come together to support and inspire our young people. Give me a call during office hours and we can talk more about how you can be involved.

I'm looking forward to seeing and meeting everyone at the upcoming "Meet the Catechists & Registration" on Sunday, August 25 after the 10:15 AM Mass in the hall. Registration forms are available on our website ([www.resurrection-aptos.org](http://www.resurrection-aptos.org)), in the church entrance, and in the parish office.

Thanks and God Bless,

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### Important Dates:

- 8/25 Faith Formation & Sacrament Registration after the 10:15 Mass
- 9/15 First Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting after 10:15 Mass
- 9/8 & 9/10 High School Youth Ministry & Confirmation Orientation
- 9/12 K-5 Faith Formation Begins
- 9/15 High School & Confirmation Youth Group Begins
- 9/19 Middle School Youth Group Begins

## Children: Preschool–Grade 6

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

Preparation begins with a meeting of parents/child and Pastor or Deacon. First-time parents attend one Christian Parenting classes with one of our specially-trained couples. If you wish to have your baby or young child baptized and be strengthened in your vocation of Christian parenting, please call the parish office to make an appointment.

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

After the opening prayer at our 10:15 AM Sunday liturgy, children ages 3-10 are invited to go with our catechists to hear God's word proclaimed to them in a way that they can better understand. They rejoin us during the offertory time. No fee or registration required.

### For Children in Grades K-5

We have sessions for all children throughout the school year on Thursday afternoons from 3:45 - 5:00 PM starting on September 12 in Markey Community Center. Please register your child for religion classes before classes begin. Forms are available on our website, in the church entrance and in the parish office. The registration fee helps us pay for texts, art supplies, and other program expenses. Home schooling materials and support are also available for those who would like them.

(If your child is enrolled in Catholic School they are not required to attend these sessions but are more than welcome to enroll).

**Registration Day & Meet the Catechists: 8/25/19 at 11:30 AM**



## Sacraments: Baptism, Reconciliation & Eucharist

**Baptism for School-Age Children:** Please contact Deacon Patrick at [pfconway@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 September 15 with a Parent/Child meeting in the church (following the 10:15 AM Mass). First Eucharist Rite of Enrollment will be on Sunday, September 29 at the 10:15 AM mass. First Reconciliation will be Friday, January 31 at 7:00 PM. First Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday, May 2 at 5 PM & Sunday, May 3 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](mailto:pfconway@sbcglobal.net)



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

### Orientation Meeting for Parents & Youth for High School Youth Ministry & Confirmation:

- Sunday, September 8 from 11:30 AM–12:30 PM in Markey Community Center
- or Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 PM in the Youth Center.

**Middle School Youth Ministry** is open to ALL in grades 6-8. We meet Thursday evenings from 6:30–8:00 PM In the Youth Center. In addition to our regular meetings, we have special events and trips. Our first regular meeting will be on Thursday, September 19.

**High School Youth Ministry** is open to ALL in grades 9-12. We meet Sunday mornings from 11:30 AM–1:30 PM in Markey Community Center & the Youth Center. In addition to our regular meetings, we have special events and trips, including youth retreats and leadership trainings. Our first regular meeting will be on Sunday, September 15.

**Youth Confirmation** is open to all High School Youth, beginning in 9th Grade. It is a two-year program.

- **1st Year includes participation in the High School Youth Group**, two retreats, participation in youth group special events, participation/volunteering in parish wide events and fundraisers.
- **2nd Year** is for youth who have completed year one. 2nd year includes participation in High School Youth Group, two retreats, participation in youth group special events, participation/volunteering in parish wide events and fundraisers.

**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:

- Deborah Rovick at 831-688-4300 x22, darovick@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? Come or invite them to come to our Catholic Information Nights on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM starting October 1 in the daily mass chapel. All are welcome! Contact Deacon Patrick at 831-840-3750 for more information.

**Parish Mission Retreat:** Our annual parish "mission" prepares us to enter more deeply into Lent and Easter. This year Sr. Miriam Malone, SNJM, a Sister of the Holy Names of Jesus & Mary, will lead us. Sr. Miriam will speak at all the weekend masses February 29 & March 1, speak at the morning masses on March 2 & 3, followed by a presentation and dialogue. She will give duplicate presentations within the context of Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM on those days.

**Young Adults:** (ages 18-30): As we begin to form a Young Adult Group we invite you to join us and provide your ideas! We'd like to do several gatherings throughout the year which can include activities so we can have fun and get to know one another, share our faith, and build community. Keep an eye out in the bulletin under Young Adult Ministry Activities for dates. If you would like more information or would like to participate, please contact Deborah Rovick, 831-688-4300 ext. 22 or [darovick@att.net](mailto:darovick@att.net)

**Bible Study:** This lunch-time Bible Study is held September 19 to mid-June on Thursdays from 12:30 PM—1:30 PM. We meet in the daily mass chapel and relate the upcoming Sunday scripture readings to our daily lives. For more information, contact Deacon Patrick Conway at 831-840-3750.

### **Bible Studies led by Elizabeth Knapp:**

- **Yearlong Beginners Bible Study:** Wednesdays, September 18—November 13 & February 12—April 22 from 9:30—11:30 AM (for the beginner to intermediate Bible student)
- **Yearlong Women's Bible Study:** Thursdays, September 19—November 14 & February 6—May 7 from 9:30—11:30 AM (for the intermediate to experienced student)

Materials Fee: TBD. Watch the bulletin for more information about these studies. Contact Elizabeth Knapp 831-475-3850 or [eknapp@ix.netcom.com](mailto:eknapp@ix.netcom.com) for questions or to sign-up.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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!