



Resurrection Catholic Community

Faith Formation News 2023-2024

Welcome to All!

We're delighted that you and your family are members of our Catholic family of faith, the Church! Thank you for making sure that God and his Church are still part of your lives, and even the center of your lives, for all good things and blessings are the gifts of God.

As we enter into this new year of faith formation and discipleship, let us appreciate more deeply the opportunities we have to thank God throughout the day. One of the best things that we can do for our children is to grow closer to God ourselves. May your spiritual journey with your children be enriched by our programs and by your openness to God's presence and grace at all times and in all things!

Blessings,

Deacon Patrick Conway
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**Faith Formation
for all Ages!**

Important Dates:

- 9/21 K-5 Classes begin! 3:45–5:00 pm
- 9/21 High School Confirmation Orientation Meeting for Parents & Youth on Zoom at 7:00 pm
- 9/19 Catholic Information Night for Adults at 7:00 pm
- 10/1 First Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting after 10:15 Mass
- 10/1 Middle School Begins, 11:30 am -1:00 pm
- 10/1 Confirmation 2nd Year Begins, 10:15 am Mass–1:30 pm
- 10/15 Confirmation 1st Year Begins, 10:15 am Mass–1:00 pm

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

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



For Children in Grades K-5

This Fall, we offer both in-person and home study options. In-person classes begin on Thursday, September 21 at 3:45 pm, concluding at 5:00 pm.

The home study option provides a book along with interactive online resources, including holy games!

Registration 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 done in parishes.)**

Children must have at least one previous year of religious education. Preparation begins on October 1st with a Parent/Child meeting in the church at 11:30 am (following the 10:15 am Mass). The Rite of Enrollment for the children will be on Sunday, October 15th at the 10:15 am mass.

First Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday, May 5th at 2:00 pm. There is a \$80 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



Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Fr. Romeo and Friends will lead this ministry this year! It will be held on Sundays at 11:30 am in the Church or in Markey Community Center. The first meeting will be on Sunday, October 1.



There is also a home study option which provides a book along with interactive online resources, including holy games!

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High School Youth Ministry:

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation Orientation Meeting for Parents & Youth:

Thursday, September 21 at 7:30 pm on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82201571184>

Meeting ID: 822 0157 1184

Youth Confirmation is open to all High School Youth, beginning in 9th Grade and is a **two-year program**. Any Juniors & Seniors who would like to be confirmed and have not yet completed their 1st year, it is not too late! For more information, please contact Mrs. Gabe Summers.

- **1st Year** Confirmation class meets on Sunday mornings beginning with 10:15 am Mass and concludes at 1:00 pm in the Youth Center. 1st Year includes **attending Year 1 Confirmation meetings**, participation in Confirmation special events, participation/volunteering in parish wide events and fundraisers. First meeting is Sunday, October 15.
- **2nd Year** is for youth who have completed year one. Confirmation class meets on Sunday mornings beginning with 10:15 am Mass and concludes at 1:30 pm in the Youth Center. 2nd year includes **attending ALL 2nd Year Confirmation** meetings, attending a half day retreat, attending a weekend overnight retreat, participation/volunteering in parish wide events and fundraisers, participation in Confirmation special events. First meeting is Sunday, October 1.

Communication:

Emails and texts are sent out about upcoming events and reminders. We provide a calendar at the beginning of the year but sometimes dates change. If this is the case you will be notified by email and or text. ***Be sure to indicate your email address and cell phone number as well as your child's email address and cell phone number on your registration form.***

All Youth are Welcome!

You do not need to be a registered parishioner at Resurrection Church or even Catholic to participate. If you know someone who wants to be confirmed and has not received the Sacraments of Baptism and/or First Eucharist they can receive those sacraments in conjunction with receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. For more information, please contact Mrs. Gabe Summers. You are encouraged to spread the word about our Confirmation program to your friends who are looking to be Confirmed.



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

High School Youth
Minister

Contact Information:

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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 our Catholic Information Nights on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Pentecost Weekday Mass Chapel beginning September 19th. 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!

