

SUNDAY SCHOOL OF RELIGION 2023-2024



JULY

7/10/23 **School of Religion Registration Opens**
(Online & Paper Registration Available)

AUGUST

8/25/23 **Registration Deadline for \$10/child Discount**

SEPTEMBER

9/10/23 **First Day of School of Religion Class**
9/17/23 **Catechetical Sunday**

*Blessing of Catechists during the 10 a.m.
Mass (Grades 1-8) & in classrooms
(Grades Pre-K & K)*

9/17/23 **School of Religion Class**
9/24/23 **School of Religion Class**
(Safe Environment Day #1)

OCTOBER

10/1/23 **School of Religion Class**
(Safe Environment Day #2)
10/8/23 **School of Religion Class**
10/15/23 **School of Religion Class**
10/22/23 **School of Religion Class**
10/29/23 **School of Religion Class**

NOVEMBER

11/5/23 **School of Religion Class**
11/12/23 **NO School of Religion Class**
(Harvest Bazaar Weekend)
11/19/23 **School of Religion Class**
11/26/23 **NO School of Religion Class**
(Thanksgiving Weekend)

DECEMBER

12/3/23 **School of Religion Class**
(Advent Confessions)
12/10/23 **School of Religion Class**
(Advent Confessions)
12/17/23 **School of Religion Class**
12/24/23 **NO School of Religion Class**
(Christmas Break)
12/31/23 **NO School of Religion Class**
(Christmas Break)

1/7/24
1/14/24
1/21/24
1/28/24

JANUARY

School of Religion Class
School of Religion Class
School of Religion Class
NO School of Religion Class
(Catholic Schools Week)

FEBRUARY

2/4/24 **School of Religion Class**
2/11/24 **School of Religion Class**
2/18/24 **School of Religion Class**
2/25/24 **School of Religion Class**

MARCH

3/3/24 **School of Religion Class**
(Lenten Confessions)
3/10/24 **School of Religion Class**
(Lenten Confessions)
3/17/24 **School of Religion Class**
3/24/24 **School of Religion Class**
3/31/24 **NO School of Religion Class**
(Easter Sunday)

APRIL

4/7/24 **School of Religion Class**
4/14/24 **School of Religion Class**
4/21/24 **School of Religion Class**
4/28/24 **School of Religion Class**

MAY

5/5/24 **School of Religion Class**
5/12/24 **School of Religion Class**
5/19/24 **Last Day of School of Religion Class**

Formation for Parents of

First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion Children

(Four Seasons Room, 11:15 a.m.)
Sunday, September 17, 2023
Sunday, October 22, 2023
Sunday, November 5, 2023
Sunday, December 17, 2023
Sunday, January 21, 2024
Sunday, February 18, 2024
Sunday, March 17, 2024
Sunday, April 14, 2024

ABOUT OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM

School of Religion is a faith-formation program of instruction in the Catholic faith for all children of the parish in preschool (three- and four-year-olds) through 8th Grade. Members of our parish community are trained as catechists and teach age-appropriate faith curriculum in a classroom setting. An integrated program of sacramental preparation is provided for Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation along with foundational catechesis. Members of our parish who have children enrolled in public or private schools in the area, along with Holy Redeemer School families, are welcomed and encouraged to enroll their children in our School of Religion program.

Our program runs through mid-May, meeting on most Sundays except for major holidays.

- Preschool and Kindergarten School of Religion classes begin at 9:50 a.m. and run until 11:00 a.m., or until the end of the 10:00 a.m. Mass.
- 1st Grade through 8th Grade classes begin at 11:00 a.m. and run until 12:30 p.m. Attendance at 10:00 a.m. Mass or another Sunday Mass is an integral part of instruction & is expected.

HOW TO REGISTER

Complete the online School of Religion Registration found on our parish website or pick up a paper registration form from the front entrance of the church or on the Mezzanine. A new form is required to be completed every year, even if your family was enrolled last year.

Please submit a copy of his/her Baptismal Certificate with your completed registration form. You will not be able to register without a Baptismal Certificate. *(If you are unable to readily locate your child's Baptism Certificate, contact the parish office of the church where your child was Baptized to request a new copy.)*

Registration forms & fees are due by Friday, August 25, 2023. This will help us to adequately prepare for the upcoming year and allow for the first day of classes to run smoothly. If you turn in your registration form after August 25, 2023, your child's book will arrive late. However, we will continue to accept registrations after the aforementioned date.

Return the completed registration form (if not submitted online) and copies of the Baptismal Certificate(s), through any of the following ways:

- Mail to: Holy Redeemer Parish (Attn: SCHOOL OF RELIGION) 4902 Berwyn Rd. College Park, MD 20740
- Place envelope in the collection basket at Sunday Mass. (Write on envelope: "Attn: SCHOOL OF RELIGION".)
- Place envelope in Parish Office door mail slot. (Write on envelope: "Attn: SCHOOL OF RELIGION".)
- Drop your envelope off at the Parish Office anytime Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

FEES

(For each child in the same household)

\$50 for child #1 / \$40 for child #2 / \$30 for child #3 / \$20 for child #4 / \$10 for child #5
(Register by Friday, August 25, 2023 & receive a \$10 discount per child!)

REGARDING THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

The Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion are administered to children who are in 2nd Grade. However, children who intend to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion must have been enrolled in School of Religion or another formal Catholic religious education program the prior year. **Parents of children receiving First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion are asked to attend monthly Formation Gatherings during their child's preparation year.** If your child is entering 2nd Grade but has not received any formal religious education and/or has not received the Sacrament of Baptism, they will be placed in 1st Grade or will be required to enroll in our Rite of Christian Initiation for Children program. **Please contact Fr. Gerald Andrews: gerald.andrews@holy-redeemer.org for more information.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation is administered to children who are in 8th Grade. However, children must have been enrolled in School of Religion or another formal Catholic religious education program the year before. If your child is entering 8th Grade but has not received any formal religious education or the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and/or Eucharist, they will be placed in 7th Grade School of Religion and will be required to enroll in our Rite of Christian Initiation for Children program. **Please contact Fr. Gerald Andrews: gerald.andrews@holy-redeemer.org for more information.**

MASS & CLASS ATTENDANCE

Weekly attendance at Mass is required of all children (particularly for children in 1st Grade and higher). Also, If your child is receiving a Sacrament this year, attendance at Sunday Mass & School of Religion is extremely important for their sacramental preparation. If a child is not in attendance for the majority of classes, they may not be able to receive these Sacraments.

COMMUNICATION

All announcements concerning the dates and times of classes for our School of Religion will appear in the Sunday Parish Bulletin and will be e-mailed out to families who have enrolled. E-mails will regularly be sent to School of Religion families regarding important dates and information. Parents are strongly encouraged to read these e-mails as they contain important announcements such as possible cancellations or other reminders.