TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 2022

HE ENDURED THE CROSS,

despising its shame,
and has taken his seat at the
right of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

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St. Christopher Catholic Church

MASS, PRAYERS, CONFESSION & ADORATION SCHEDULE

Saturday (Vigil) Mass
5:30 PM English Mass

Sunday Masses:
6:30 AM, 8:00 AM & 11:30 AM—English
9:45 AM Vietnamese

Daily Mass: Monday—Saturday
8:30 AM English **&**
7:00 AM **Saturday**—Vietnamese

Daily Rosary: Monday—Saturday 8:00 AM

Daily Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Monday—Friday 3:00 PM

Confession: Saturday
4:00 PM—5:00 PM, or by appointment

Adoration: Tuesday and Thursday:
9:00 AM—8:00 PM **&**
Every First Friday of the Month :
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Dear St. Christopher Family,

Please note that The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

In thinking of Jesus, a few words immediately come to mind: loving, kind, merciful, and peaceful. At Jesus' birth the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" (Luke 2:14). Yet in today's Gospel Jesus says, "I have come to set the earth on fire…Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Are we talking about the same Jesus here? Of course, it is the same Jesus.

I think it is good for us to recognize and accept that we are a fallen human race. Because of the Original Sin, we are separated from God. From the beginning of human history, this division has existed. The line of this separation is Sin.

This division remains forever because there is a division between light and darkness. These two can never be one. God gave us a gate to pass through from the darkness to the light: Jesus.

In Jesus' teaching, he pronounced this separation and division. "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." He brought to light the division between light and darkness. The baptism Jesus teaches is the passage from darkness to light. This passage shows humanity the way to follow.

Our religion is a religion of *love* because God is *love.* Love cannot be forced. It must be freely given and freely received. This is why God gives us the gift of free will. Free will is a tremendous gift but at the same it can be an obstacle because it naturally creates separation and division among us.

Using our free will to choose or reject God has its consequence. Choosing light is to leave behind darkness. There is a separation and this separation creates conflicts.

Most of us do not like separation, division, and conflict. These things create stress, unease and misery. We desire to live in peace and harmony with each other. We are commanded to work toward building God's kingdom here on earth, but we also must recognize that true peace and harmony exist only in heaven.

A yes to one thing is a no to something else.

- Fr. Ben

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Lucia Saborio

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Sr. Annuncia Thu Mai, LHC

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St. Christopher Parish School Announcements:

✠ 7th grade Tdap

The Tdap vaccine is required for all in coming 7th graders. If your child will be in 7th grade, please check with your doctor as verification of this vaccine will be required prior to the start of the school year. No student will be allowed to attend school on August 18, 2022 without the required vaccination.

✠ Fingerprinting/VIRTUS Training
In order to volunteer in a classroom or on a field trip, all volunteers must be fingerprinted and VIRTUS trained through the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. For more information, please use the following links for registration.

VIRTUS: https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/

Fingerprinting: https://lacatholics.org/fingerprinting/

St. Christopher Church is a faith community of diverse people who gather to joyfully celebrate life, faith, and love in Jesus Christ through serving others.

"Hãy đến với ta hỡi những ai khó nhọc và gánh nặng." *Mt. 11:28*

GIỜ CHẦU THÁNH THỂ

(tiếng Việt hằng tuần)

Thứ Ba, lúc **10:00** giờ sáng đến **11:00** giờ sáng.

Thứ Năm, lúc **5:00** giờ chiều đến **6:00** giờ chiều.

Thứ Sáu Đầu Tháng

(Tiếng Anh)

Chầu Thánh Thể sẽ bắt từ sau thánh lễ **8 giờ 30 sáng** và kết thúc với phép lành Thánh Thể , **lúc 6 giờ 30 chiều**. *Sau giờ chầu, tiếp theo, lúc* ***7 giờ tối*** *sẽ có thánh lễ đầu tháng bằng tiếng Việt.*

Tin Cần Biết

BẦU CỬ BCH - C.Đ. THÁNH GIUSE NHIỆM KỲ 2022-2025

Ngày bầu cử:

Chúa Nhật Ngày 06 Tháng 11 Năm 2022

Quy chế bầu cử

Cử tri phải có tên trong danh sách đóng tiền niên liễm năm 2022.

Các cử tri từ 18 tuổi trở lên theo hộ gia đình được quyền bầu cử.

Nếu cử tri nào trên 18 tuổi và đã lập gia đình, thì gia đình của cử tri ấy sẽ tách riêng thành một hộ mới và đóng tiền Niên Liễm cho hộ của mình.

Ngày Chúa Nhật 21 tháng 8 năm 2022 là hạn chót để đóng tiền Niên Liễm cho năm 2022.

Bắt đầu từ Chúa Nhật ngày 26 tháng 6 năm 2022, BCH cộng đoàn Thánh Giuse đã phát những biểu đơn để cập nhật danh sách gia đình công giáo trong cộng đoàn, xin quí ông bà và anh chị em đến bàn đăng ký ở bên ngoài nhà thờ sau lễ Chúa Nhật để điền tại chỗ hoặc lấy đơn về nhà điền. **Xin hoàn giao lại biểu đơn này cho BCH không quá ngày 21 tháng 8 năm 2022.**

BÁO CÁO TÀI CHÁNH

QUỸ NIÊN LIỄM

NGUỒN THU:

Niên Liễm 2022

TỒN QUỸ:	$13,901.00
Có thêm 38 gia đình đã đóng góp	$2,280.00
Nhận tiền mừng cho lễ bổn mạng	$400.00
TỔNG THU: (cho tới ngày 28/06/2022)	$16,581.00
CHI RA:	
Chi tiêu ẩm thực mừng ngày lễ bổn mạng	$2,863.00
Biếu Cha Joe (tiệc chia tay)	$300.00
TỒN QUỸ: (cho tới ngày 28/6/2022)	$13,418.00

QŨY TU SỬA TƯỢNG ĐÀI ĐỨC MẸ LA VANG

NGUỒN THU:	
- Nhận bàn giao ngày 10/14/2021	$10,548.00
Cho tới ngày 28/6/2022 có 3 gia đình ủng hộ	$300.00
TỔNG THU:	$10,848.00
CHI RA: Hoàn trả lại theo yêu cầu (1 gia đình)	$100.00
TỒN QUỸ: (cho tới ngày 28/6/2022)	$10,748.00

GHI CHÚ:

Tất cả số tiền còn tồn đã được ký gửi vào ngân hàng theo tài khoản của cộng đoàn - giáo xứ

SACRAMENTS

Baptism — Group Baptism is held every 2nd Saturday of each month at **10:00 AM**. Private baptism may be requested. Visit our parish website for guidelines information or call the Parish Office.

Baptismal Preparation Class is required. *Our parish offers a Baptismal Preparation Class every **first Wednesday** of the month—**7:00 PM-9 PM**. Please contact the Parish Office to register for upcoming month's class.*

First Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation (Youth & Adults) — Contact Sr. Annuncia Thu Mai in the Parish Office or e-mail her at srannunciatm@sccwestcovina.net.

Reconciliation — Every Saturday, from **4:00 PM** to **5:00 PM**, or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick — Every first Saturday after **7:00 AM Mass (VN)** and first Sunday of each month, immediately after the **11:30 AM Mass**.

Wedding and Funeral Services — Saturday **10:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM**.

Matrimony (Wedding Preparation) — Please contact Fr. Ben Le.

Annulment of Marriage — Contact Fr. Ben Le or e-mail him at frben@sccwestcovina.net.

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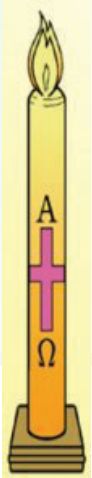


Let us join in prayer for our recently departed and for their families and for

✝ **All Souls in Purgatory**

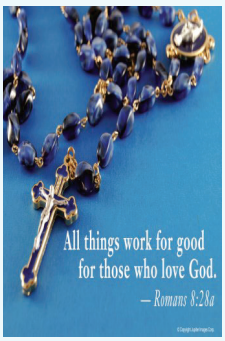
"The Christian meaning of death is revealed in the light of the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Christ in whom resides our only hope. The Christian who dies in Christ Jesus is 'away from the body and at home with the Lord' (2 Cor 5:8)."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1681

Lord, You invite all who are burdened to come to You. Allow Your healing to those who are sick, especially for **Eveylinn Nguyen Mai Loan Chinh & Jeanne Terrazas** for whom we pray for their full recovery, in Jesus name, Amen.

Please contact the parish office and fill out the form to request a prayer for those who are ill. We will keep the names in the bulletin for only one month.

Daily Rosary



Join us in praying the rosary every morning (Monday to Saturday) at 8:00 AM in the main church. Thank you for your daily devotion to our Blessed Mother.

"The Rosary is a long chain that links heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands and the other end is in the hands of the Holy Virgin. The Rosary prayer rises like incense to the feet of the Almighty." .... St. Therese of Lisieux

ENGLISH MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

5:30 PM	L	Merlita Manila

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

6:30 AM	L	Benjamin M. Aquino, Jr.
8:00 AM	L	Joel P. Morales
11:30 AM	L	Le Trieu
11:30 AM	L	Ethan & Joshua Marcelino
11:30 AM	†	Vicente, Sr.& Paulina Dagdagan
11:30 AM	†	Maria & Ramon Gonzalez
11:30 AM	†	Daniel Montes, Jr.

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

8:30 AM	L	Deseri Gonzalez
8:30 AM	†	Antonio Barrios
8:30 AM	†	Zenaida DePano-Ong
8:30 AM	†	Mariano Lao

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

8:30 AM	L	Kenjorren Culata

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

8:30 AM	†	Karla Ramirez

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

8:30 AM	L	Elizabeth Hudson

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

8:30 AM	L	Isaac Padriga

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

8:30 AM	L	Padriga Family

We thank and praise God for His abundant love, mercy, and blessings we receive each day. We pray for those who are sick, lonely, grieving the loss of someone, the souls in purgatory, and especially those who have no one to pray for them. For our deceased loved ones—Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Catholic Education Foundation

CEF Tuition Awards Programs provides assistance to students in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles with tuition for enrollment in a Catholic school within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This award partially reduces the cost of tuition. If you would like to know if you qualify, please contact the school office at tel. (626) 960—3079

New Family Registration

If you bring in a new family and they register for the 2022-2023 school year, you will receive one month of free tuition ($519) to use during the 2022-2023 school year.

Please note: If you meet the income guidelines, you may apply for tuition assistance. This helps families to have a reduced cost of tuition fees for the school year.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open from 9:00 AM –1:00 PM Monday –Thursday throughout the Summer. Office is close every Friday.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

AUGUST 17, 2022—TEACHER MEET AND GREET/SUPPLY DROP OFF

AUGUST 18, 2022— FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL—NOON DISMISSAL

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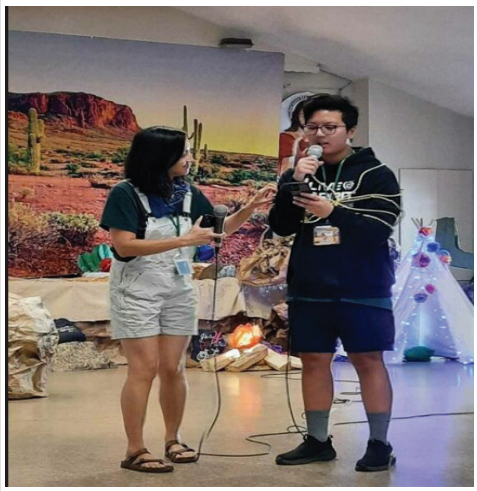
Please complete a Bulletin Request Form (posted in our parish website or available in the Parish Office) and e-mail/submit your request with detailed information to Rose@sccwestcovina.net at least two weeks in advance of the desired bulletin posting date. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School celebrating God's greatness had just concluded and many students had so much fun and enjoyed their time. There were many **Youth Volunteers** who spent so much time in preparing and guiding students to have a wonderful and memorable experience. See you all again next year!



More photos taken from ***Vacation Bible School celebrating God's greatness!***

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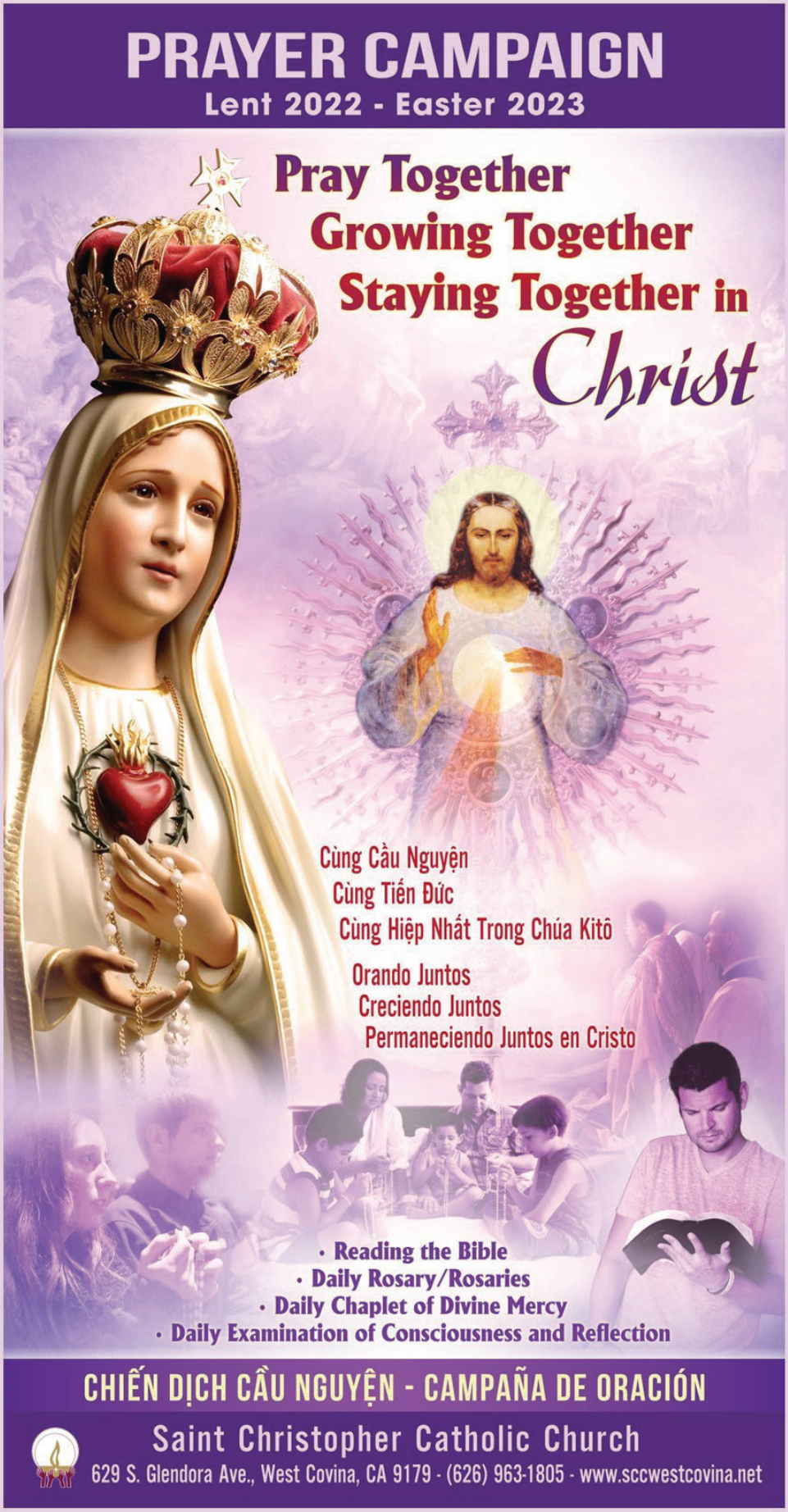
DID YOU KNOW?

Meet all of your child's teachers this year

As children head back to school, parents should make every effort to meet the people their children will come in contact with — from their classroom teachers to those who teach the special subjects like art, music, or other extracurriculars. Make the effort to have a face-to-face meeting with these people and know the school's policies on abuse prevention and awareness. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article, "Three Things that Simply Must Be Done," at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

Conozca a todos los maestros de su hijo este nuevo año escolar

A medida que los niños regresan a la escuela, los padres de familia deben hacer todo lo posible por conocer a las personas con las que sus hijos entrarán en contacto, desde los maestros de su salón de clases hasta aquellos que enseñan materias especiales como arte, música u otras actividades extracurriculares. Haga el esfuerzo de tener una reunión cara a cara con estas personas y conozca las políticas de la escuela sobre prevención y concientización sobre el abuso. Para obtener más información, solicite una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® en inglés, "Three Things that Simply Must Be Done" (Tres cosas que simplemente se deben hacer), en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



The purpose of the Prayer Campaign is to help our parishioners build up our relationship with the Lord stronger, to put our hearts on fire with love for God and to dedicate ourselves radically in serving the Church. Let's make a **PLEDGE OF COMMITMENT** to this **Prayer Campaign:** constantly

Praying Together
Growing Together
Staying Together In Christ,

not only during this Lenten Season but the whole year long. This Prayer Campaign kindles the fire of love for our God, burning brightly into our hearts that makes our parish amazing as we grow together and stay together in Christ.

Mục đích của ***Chiến Dịch Cầu Nguyện*** *này là để giúp chúng ta bồi đắp, nung nấu tình yêu Thiên Chúa trong tâm hồn chúng ta được mạnh mẽ hơn, và để ta dâng hiến cuộc đời cho Chúa và phục vụ Giáo Hội một cách triệt để. Xin mời mọi người hãy cùng nhau* **TUYÊN HỨA** *với Chúa để chúng ta* ***Cùng Cầu Nguyện—Cùng Tiến Đức—Cùng Hiệp Nhất trong tình yêu của Ngài****, không chỉ trong Mùa Chay Thánh này mà cả năm. Chiến Dịch Cầu Nguyện này sẽ làm khơi lên và làm ngọn lửa tình yêu Thiên Chúa rực sáng trong mỗi tâm hồn mỗi người và từ đó giáo xứ của chúng ta trở thành một giáo xứ tuyệt vời: tuyệt vời trong tình Chúa và tình người để chúng ta cùng tiến đức và cùng hiệp nhất trong Chúa Kitô.*

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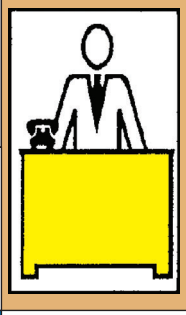

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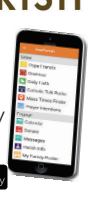

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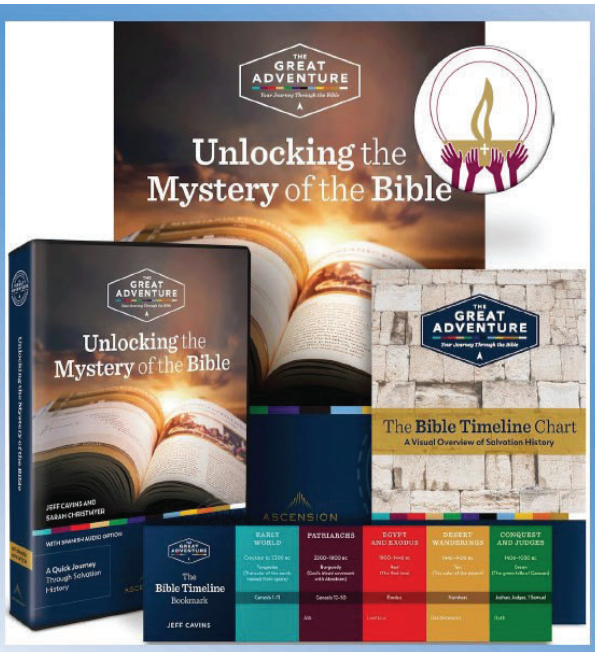

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Facilitators: Larry Jensen, / Toni Lenhart, / Mar Navarro

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All Are Welcome!

Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE, an Eight-part Bible study,

helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it's all about. Aided by a unique color-coded Bible Timeline Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of the Bible in chronological order, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God's plan.

CLASS SESSION: SUNDAY(s)
12:45PM to 2:30PM
(follow the 11:30AM Sunday Mass)

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration forms will be available in the office, or you can fill out the form at home and bring to us. Parents can download the forms by clicking on the QR Code or this link:
https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1aaJwCEDz3IUSxV7RpBav-nVzTHptif4

AUGUST 14, 21, 28 after all Masses from 7:30AM – 1:00PM
ROOM: AB
You also can sign up in the office on the weekday from 9:00am to 5:00pm

First Holy Communion will be in 2 years.

- Children who are 6 years old can start the 1st Holy Communion– Year 1

After Receiving Communion in year 2, students have the On-Going Formation (3rd – 8th Graders)

Confirmation will be in 2 years, start at 14 years old.

Please sign up for your children

FIRST DAY OF CLASS: SUNDAY -- SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 from 12:45PM to 2:30PM

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