

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS 2025-2026



2025-2026 CATECHETICAL YEAR

We are pleased to offer you three program options:

- **Weekly Classes:** September through May
Sundays
9:30 to 10:45 A.M. Grades 1 through 8
OR
Wednesdays
6:00 to 7:15 P.M. Grades 1 through 8

Class assignments are made on a "first come-first served" basis. Children in the same family will be placed in classes on the same day and time unless parents request otherwise.

OR

- **A Two Week Summer Program**
(Monday-Friday) Grades 1 through 8 Only
June 23 through July 3, 2025
8:30 am to 12:00 pm
Our Lady of Sorrows School
OR
- **Homeschooling** (Grades 3 through 6 Only)
September through May

TUITION RATES FOR ALL PROGRAMS

Tuition includes all supplies and textbooks.
Full payment is due at time of registration.

Regular & Summer Program
Grades K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6

1 Student \$ 150.00
2 Students \$ 275.00
3 or more Students \$400.00

Programs are open to Non-Parishioners

Sacramental Preparation Program **First Communion & Confirmation**

Grades 2, 7, 8
1 Student \$ 215.00
2 Students \$ 405.00
3 Students \$ 595.00

No student is denied religious education because of financial hardship. Please contact Mrs. Francis, our DRE.

REGISTRATION

Registration can be done using the QR code and link below or by returning a completed form to the parish office

Re-Registration for Summer & Regular Classes 2025-2026

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/07af3fad-958b-4833-b2bf-f0aaddaf6671>

DOCUMENTS FOR NEW



REQUIRED STUDENTS

- Certificate of Baptism (and if applicable) First Holy Communion
- Completion of On-Line Registration

Our Lady of Sorrows-St. Anthony
Hamilton

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- Students transferring from another parish program must provide a letter from their previous Religious Education Program verifying instruction.
- Payment of tuition in full. (Please make checks payable to *Our Lady of Sorrows-St. Anthony*) In situations of financial hardship a letter should accompany the registration. A payment plan can be arranged.



Msgr. Thomas N. Gervasio, Pastor

Mrs. Mariyam Francis, DRE

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SUMMER PROGRAM—Q & A



What makes this program unique?

The program eliminates weekly “shuttling” of children to classes from September through May. Total class hours and lessons are the same as the weekly program but ‘condensed’ into a two-week period.

How is a typical class day structured?

The class day runs from 8:30 am through 12:00 pm. A lesson on Catholic doctrine is presented by a certified

catechist and an activity is assigned to process the material. The day includes Mass, prayer and, when possible, a music lesson.

Are there commitments beyond the 2-week period?

Yes...participation at Sunday Mass each week and four gatherings scheduled between Advent and Easter.

Sacramental students: Attendance at Sacramental meetings, the Retreat, and Service will be required.

Who may register for the Summer Program?

Students in Grades 1 through 8, including those preparing for First Penance, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

What are the program’s expectations?

- Attendance at all ten classes.
- Tardiness and early dismissal are not permitted.
- Tuition Payment: Checks payable to *Our Lady of Sorrows-St. Anthony*

Registration Deadline: No later than May 31, 2026

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HOMESCHOOLING—Q & A



How is the homeschooling program organized?

The program runs from September through May. Textbooks and lesson plans are provided to parents. Students and parents are required to attend four events at the parish between Advent and Easter.

How does this program stay connected to the parish?

Through regular communication, our office oversees student progress. Students and parents also participate in the four events during the year noted above. A parish connection is reinforced by fulfilling one’s obligation to attend Mass every Sunday.

What does a typical home instruction look like ?

Parents should cover one chapter in the textbook per week. Following the lesson plan ensures that your child reaps the full benefit of the catechesis. Time should be given for your child to complete the related exercises. All textbook lessons should be covered within the year. Parents are also expected to complete a weekly on-line chapter review to submit to our office. In May, an appointment is made with the Director, Mrs. Mariyam Francis, to review the reports at which time your child will be given an oral exam.