



St. Mary's Catholic Church, Dubai

SPE 1, 2, 3

Parents Orientation

26 November 2023



*We are very glad
you are here!*

PROGRAMME FOR TODAY

- **OPENING PRAYER**
- **WELCOME MESSAGE**
- **PRESENTATION**
- **CLOSING PRAYER**
- **CATECHIST - PARENTS'**
INTERACTION



PROGRAMME FOR TODAY



WELCOME MESSAGE

From Sr. Claudia
Catechism Director

We are happy to be with you in this important time of your family's life with Jesus Christ and His Church. The preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion mark another important step in your child's formation in the Catholic faith. This preparation is not just for his/her "first" Confession or "first" Communion but it is for his / her life journey with God.

CATECHETICAL PLAN

Grades 1-4 (Age group 6-10)

- Foundation of the Journey of Faith with preparation for Confession and First Holy Communion

SPE 1,2,3 (Age group 9 – 11)

- Preparation to receive the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion

Grades 5-8 (Age group 11-14)

- Preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

CATECHETICAL PLAN

Grades 9 -12 (Age group 15 -17) Youth Program
- Preparation to meet the challenges of life
especially when they have to go to University.

ADULTS

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist

BIBLE Study on Mondays from 7:45 pm to 9:00pm

SESSIONS: THREE SESSIONS (Catechism and Holy Mass)

- **SATURDAY MORNING**
from 10:45am to 1:00pm
- **SATURDAY AFTERNOON**
from 1:45pm to 4:00pm
- **SUNDAY**
from 9:00am to 11:15am

*Children should be here 10 minutes before
the class starts*

Catechetical Programme

Please note that every Catechism Session is two-fold: Catechism and the Holy Mass. This is the directive of our Vicariate. Children must attend the Holy Mass that is specially planned for them and is essential for their journey of faith.

On days when there is no Catechism, please accompany your children for Holy Mass on the days of Obligation (Saturday/Sunday).

DISPERSAL AND COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

SPE 1 AND 2 – Collection Point – Basketball Court

**SPE 3 – CHILDREN MEET PARENTS AFTER MASS (at
the agreed meeting point)**

Time of Collection after Holy Mass:

SATURDAY MORNING AT 1:00PM

SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT 4:00 PM

SUNDAY AT 11:15AM

Books and Registration Guidelines

SPE 1

Born in year 2014 (following year they will be in grade 5)

**We Believe Sadlier - Book 2 + FP
(First Penance) (hand outs of Bk 3,
4, + FHC Book)**

Books and Registration Guidelines

SPE 2

Born in year 2013 (following year they will be in grade 6)

**We Believe Sadlier Book 5 + FHC
Books (handout on Bk 3, 4, FP
books)**

Books and Registration Guidelines

SPE 3


Born in year 2012 (following year they will be in grade 7)

**We Believe Sadlier Book 6 + FHC
Book (handout of Bk 4, 5, FP books)**

SHARING FAITH WITH MY FAMILY



CHAPTER
1
GRADE 3

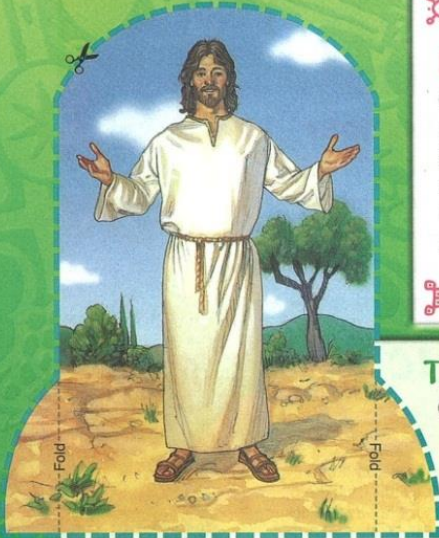
SHARING FAITH with My Family



Sharing What I Learned

Look at the pictures below. Use each picture to tell your family what you learned in this chapter.





Fold

Fold

Family Prayer

Lead your family in this prayer.


God, our Father, we thank you for this day. Thank you for sending us your Son, Jesus, to save us and show us how to live.

Amen.

The Story of the Church

Cut out this figure of Jesus. Glue it to a piece of cardboard or stiff paper. Fold and stand. Talk with your family about Jesus and how he lived his life.

Visit Sadlier's
www.WEBELIEFweb.com

 **Connect to the Catechism**
For adult background and reflection, see paragraphs 460, 533, 517, and 561.

Our Prayer life and Devotions

Daily Personal and Family Prayers

**Prayers at Confession and
Communion**

The Holy Rosary

Stations of the Cross

Daily Reading of Scriptures



**SIMPLE GUIDE
FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF
RECONCILIATION
AND
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Parents and Catechists play a key role in influencing the child's faith. Nurturing that faith at home and in the parish are vitally important.

**A baptized child must receive
preparation for the
Sacraments of Reconciliation
(Penance) and for the
Eucharist and live fully the
celebration of these two
Sacraments.**

The goal of the preparation period for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is to:

1. Nurture a child's relationship to Jesus Christ as the one who loves us and showers God's mercy upon us

**2. Nurture an appreciation
of the Sacrament of
Reconciliation
as a way to experience
God's mercy and
forgiveness**

3. Nurture the practice of forgiveness and reconciliation as a way of living.

**What is the most important
thing we can do to help
prepare our children to
celebrate the Sacrament of
Reconciliation?**

Every time we teach a child to understand the difference between right and wrong, we are helping to form his or her moral conscience.

- **Every time we explain the difference between loving and unloving actions, we are preparing our children to choose that which is good.**

- **Each time we forgive or ask forgiveness of others, we help our children to trust God's mercy and forgiveness.**

Preparation for First Holy Communion...



***...a NEW
CHAPTER
in a
child's
faith life
as
Catholic.***

This preparation time for First Communion helps our children to learn how to participate fully in the worship life of the faith community/our parish by receiving Jesus in the Eucharist.

It will enhance the children's appreciation and active participation in the Holy Mass, which is the source and summit of our Christian life.

**They will develop the
sense of belonging to a
community of disciples
who love as Jesus loves.**

**How do we know if our
children are prepared to
celebrate the Sacrament
of Holy Communion/
Eucharist?**

✓ **The child desires to
receive Jesus**

- ✓ **The child has developed a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and with the Church.**

**✓ The child shows respect,
love and adoration to Jesus
present in the tabernacle.**



The child:

- knows how to pray**
- knows the parts of the Mass**
- has proper behavior in the Church especially during the Mass and**
- knows why the Mass is important in our life.**

✓ **The child understands the**

“REAL PRESENCE”

**– that the Bread of the Eucharist
is not ordinary bread, but JESUS
coming to us in a special way**

**IMPORTANT DATES
TO REMEMBER AND NOTE
IN YOUR CALENDAR**

FIRST RETREAT WITH SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

March 23, 2024

(8:30am to 1:00pm)

**Program includes Confession, Mass and
Catechism Class**

**ALL SPE SESSION: SATURDAY MORNING,
SATURDAY AFTERNOON
AND SUNDAY**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



3rd BATCH: ALL SPE 1 AND SPE 3

13th April 2024, Saturday at 10:00am

in the Church

Reporting time for children in the Bp.

Gremoli (Main) Hall will be 9:00am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



4th BATCH: ALL SPE 2

**13th April 2024, Saturday at 2:00pm in
the Church**

**Reporting time for children in the Bp.
Gremoli (Main) Hall will be 1:00pm**

**COLLECTION OF THE
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
REGISTRATION FORM.**

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

NO CATECHISM ON DECEMBER 2 and 3, 2023
COMMEMORATION – NATIONAL DAY

(Please note there will be Catechism on December 9th and 10th, 16th and 17th DECEMBER 2023)

DECEMBER 23 and 24, 2023
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

CATECHISM RESUMES ON
JANUARY 6TH / 7TH, 2024

CATECHISM OFFICE

Phone No: 04-3352972

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Sunday to Thursday

8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Friday and Saturday

8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday

CCD Office is CLOSED

The Team

Overall In-charge

Rev. Fr. Lennie

- Parish Priest & Spiritual Director

Sr. Claudia

- Catechism Director

CCD Team:

Sr. Rachelle

- CCD Office

Janet Joseph

- CCD Office / Coordinator

Core Team / Coordinators:

Catechists and Catechist Support members

Guardians and Moderators

Auxiliary Team consists of members of the

AV and IT Team / Liturgy: Lectors and Choir

Ministries



CLOSING PRAYER

Thank You!

God Bless Everyone!!!



Praise the Lord

PARENT-CATECHIST INTERACTION