



**ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Parent/Guardian Handbook for Religious Education
Elementary Through High School
Classes Meet Sundays 10:15 am - 11:30 am***



"Assisting Parents to Raise Their Children in the Catholic Faith"

***Confirmation Time is Different, See Schedule**

PRAYER FOR PEACE

**Lord, make me an Instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow your love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.**



**O, DIVINE MASTER, grant that I may not
so much seek to be consoled,
as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying
that we are born to Eternal Life.**





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Parent/Guardian Handbook for Religious Education

We welcome you to St. Mary of the Angels Religious Education Program for youth. First of all, Religious Education is the responsibility of parent(s)/guardian. Parent(s)/guardian are stewards of their children's/youth's faith development. Religious education programs exist to support parent(s)/guardian, but they never replace them. Our Religious Education program is about both informing and forming young disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek to assist parent(s)/guardian in teaching the Catholic faith to their children. Using age appropriate materials, youth will come to know, love and serve God and to participate in the churches mission to "make disciples of all nations."

According to the Elementary Religion Curriculum of the Catholic Diocese of Charleston "Anyone who attends Catholic school or a parish religious education program is expected to know certain key truths of our faith; truths about God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; why we go to Mass and receive the sacraments; why the Bible is so vital to our Christian lives; how a follower of Christ acts; why and how we pray; what the Blessed Virgin Mary, the saints, and believers all around the world mean to us; why we have a Church and how it is organized. Children and youth growing up in the Catholic Church need to come to see our faith truly as a way of life and as an exciting way to be in the world."



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Responsibilities of parent(s)/guardian (primary educators):

Parents are to raise their children in the Faith by teaching them by word and example.

- ◆ **Parent(s)/guardian should participate in Mass on Sundays and Holy days with their children.**
- ◆ Parent(s)/guardian should bring their children by 10:15 AM to their classrooms (**no drop-offs K-5**). Children (K-5) should be picked up after class, 11:30. Please be on time.
- ◆ Parent(s)/guardian should be sure children bring their folders to class every Sunday.
- ◆ Parent(s)/guardian should look over the lesson and activity pages with their children.
- ◆ Parent(s)/guardian should teach their children basic Catholic prayers.
- ◆ Children may be absent no more than 2 times during the year.

Parent(s)/guardian are always welcome to visit their child's classroom. Please be sure to sign in at the Religious Education Office, located in the Parish Hall and receive a name tag. Thank you.

Textbooks:

Our bilingual textbooks are based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the spirit of the General Directory for Catechesis.

Sacramental Preparation: 2 year program

First year is normal Religious education class. Second year is a special preparation classes. Baptism Certificate is required by first day of class for First Reconciliation/Eucharist and Confirmation Preparation Classes. Birth Certificate is required by first day of class for R.C.I.C. Preparation Class.

First Reconciliation/Eucharist: 2 year program

- ◆ Candidates must be in 2nd grade or older
- ◆ Candidates must successfully complete the First Reconciliation/Eucharist offered at St Mary of the Angels.
- ◆ Candidates must have been enrolled in a Religious Education program or Catholic school program for the school year prior to the year they enroll in Sacramental Preparation.
- ◆ Candidates must desire the Sacrament and be attending Mass regularly.

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Confirmation: 2 year program

- ◆ Candidates must be in 10th grade or older
- ◆ Candidates must successfully complete the Confirmation program offered at St Mary of the Angels.
- ◆ Candidates must have been enrolled in a Religious Education program or Catholic school program for the school year prior to the year they will receive the Sacrament.
- ◆ Candidates must desire the Sacrament and be attending Mass regularly.

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R.C.I.C. 2 year program (Baptism Preparation)

- ◆ Candidates are ages 7-17 who need Baptism
- ◆ Candidates must successfully complete the R.C.I.C. program offered at St Mary of the Angels.
- ◆ Candidates must have been enrolled in a Religious Education program or Catholic school program for the school year prior to the year they will receive the Sacrament.
- ◆ Candidates must desire the Sacrament and be attending Mass regularly.

Classes offered 22-23 School Year; First Communion, Confirmation, RCIC, K-1-2*, 3-4-5*, 6-7-8*, 9-12* *COMBINED GRADES

Dress code for Sacramental Masses will be provided during class or can be found on our website, <https://sma43.org/catechism/>

Guidelines: For Everyone to Live By

The 3 R's of a Classroom Community

- ◆ **“Reverence** is to treat a person or a thing or a situation with an understanding that God is present”.
- ◆ **“Respect** involves care and concern for others at all time”.
- ◆ **“Responsibility** is the understanding that we all have something to offer to the good of others and to the overall success of everything that happens around us” (*Self-control, selflessness, and courtesy*)



Prayers to be learned:

By the end of grade 1:

Sign of the Cross
Grace before meals
Guardian Angel
Our Father
Hail Mary
Glory Be

By the end of grade 2:

All of the above, plus
Act of Contrition
Name of Pope, Bishop

By the end of grade 3:

All of the above, plus
How to say the Rosary
Apostle's Creed
Mysteries of the Rosary

By the end of grade 4:

All of the above, plus
Marks of the church
Ten Commandments
Seven Sacraments

By the end of grade 5:

All of the above, plus
Duties of a Catholic

By the end of grade 6:

All of the above, plus
Corporal/Spiritual Works of Mercy

By the end of grade 7:

All of the above, plus
Gifts of the Holy Spirit

By the end of grade 8:

All of the above, plus
Fruits of the Holy Spirit



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“Let the little children come to me” Matthew 19:14

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