

Holy Redeemer Religious Education

Safety Procedures Regarding COVID-19

Temperature Screening

- We are asking parents to assess their children in the morning before the start of class.
- Temperatures must be below 100.0 F to participate in Religious Education classes.
- If a temperature is 100.0 F or higher, the student needs to stay home.

Arrival

- Students should be dropped off at the school entrance (Door #2) between 8:20 and 8:30 am.
- Staff members and catechists will be at the entrance to help students sanitize their hands as they enter the building. Students will then go directly to their classroom.
- Only staff members, catechists and students will be allowed in the school building to reduce additional contamination.

Masks

- Masks are required for all students, catechists and staff.
- Students will not be allowed to enter the building without wearing a mask.
- Masks are recommended to be worn at all times while in the building.
- Students under the age of 8 are recommended to wear a mask, but not required.
- A mask (1 for the school year) will be provided for each student at no cost. The student can choose to wear this mask or can wear one of their choice (Appropriate graphics only, please).

Classrooms

- There are hand sanitizing stations located inside each classroom.
- Students will be seated at a safe six-foot or greater social distance from each other and the catechist.
- Each student will be provided with any needed school supplies. The supplies will be labeled with the student's name and will not be shared among the group. These school supplies will remain with the catechist and be sanitized at the end of each class period.
- Students will be permitted to bring their own water bottles, if needed.

Covid-19 Symptoms

- If a student displays any of the following symptoms during class time, parents will be called to pick up their child.
 - Temperature of 100.0 F or higher
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Cough
 - shortness of breath
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Diarrhea
 - Headache
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Sore throat
 - Muscle pain and fatigue
 - Chills
 - New loss of taste or smell

- The child will be sent to a quarantine room located across from the school office.
- A medical professional will remain with the child until their parents arrive.
- Parents will keep open communication with the Coordinator of Religious Education if a child is sent home due to the display of any of the above listed symptoms or if there is a medical concern that may require the need for contact tracing.

Note: If your child has a chronic medical condition that routinely displays any of the above listed symptoms, please contact the Coordinator of Religious Education and provide a written description of the condition and symptoms.

Role of the Catechist

- Catechists will set up their classroom so that students can maintain a safe distance at all times.
- They will ask the students to sanitize their hands upon entering the classroom each Sunday.
- They will remind the students of the importance of wearing a mask to protect themselves and others (when appropriate).
- Catechists will be responsible for sanitizing their classroom at the end of each class period.

Dismissal

- A closing prayer will be shared by the Coordinator of Religious Education or designee over the intercom system beginning at 9:40 am.
- Following the closing prayer, the CRE or designee will release individual classrooms for dismissal so that a safe social distance can be maintained while exiting the building.
- Students will be asked to continue to wear their masks as they leave the building.
- Students will use the school entrance (Door #2) for dismissal.
- Parents can anticipate the dismissal of their children by waiting at a safe distance in front of the school and parish office doors (around the statue of St. Francis).

Communication

- The majority of communication will be in the form of email from the Director or Coordinator of Religious Education.
- In the case of an emergency, parents may be contacted via telephone.
- Please be sure that the Office of Religious Education has your most up-to-date contact information on file. You can contact the parish office with any updates.