

MARCH NEWSLETTER – March 2018

Confirmation News

All final year students need to be aware of the upcoming dates. Please keep these dates so you can refer to them often.

Wednesday March 7 – Deadline for All Confirmation Requirements. Paperwork needs to be in the Religious Education Office by 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday March 7. This is a firm deadline, those who choose not to have their completed work in may return in to the program next year. *You do not have to come to class once this deadline has passed if you have not turned everything in.*

Final Exams will be given March 21 or 28, check with your teacher. All questions will come directly from the study guide. 70% is needed to pass, so please review your study sheet.

Confirmation Practice – Wednesday April 4 AND Reconciliation (Confession) – Wednesday April 11

To prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, there are two very important classes that you need to attend: Wednesday, April 4 and Wednesday, April 11, both from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The first will be a practice going over what will happen on the day of Confirmation (where to go, what to say, etc.) The second will be an evening of prayer that will include the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions). To receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, one must be in a state of grace and should receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) prior to being confirmed. Both of these will be held in the Cathedral and your parent or sponsor should attend the April 4 meeting with you. **THIS IS A REQUIREMENT for BOTH CCD and ST. JOSEPH'S STUDENTS.** Be prepared in body and soul to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday April 15th.

Confirmation – Sunday – April 15 Candidates and sponsors must be in the cafeteria by 1:30 p.m. Mass starts at 2:00 p.m. This is the Sunday liturgy so you do not have to attend another Mass that day. Confirmation lasts about 90 minutes. You may leave once Mass is over.

First Communion News

Wednesday March 7 – REQUIRED parent class in the cafeteria. This is for every one planning on making First Communion this year. (All second grades and special sacraments). Class will begin at 6:30 and end about 7:15. We will cover the Mass and also hand out important information for the day of First Communion. We will also have the lists of which children will be attending which mass – if you need to change that will be the time for you to take care of that. Please make sure you sign in.

March 14 – No Class Spring Break

March 19 – Parish Reconciliation Service. Watch the bulletin for details and come receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) with your family as we prepare for Easter.

March 22 – Safe Environment Workshop on Thursday March 22 at 6:30 p.m. This workshop is for anyone interested in working with children, youth or vulnerable adults in any parish program or school in the diocese of Victoria. It is a one-time class which can be renewed on line every three years. No charge for the class. Begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Religious Education Office and ends by 8:00 p.m.

Registration for 2018/2019 – March 21 and 28

Registration for 2018/2019 will be held in the cafeteria on March 21 or 28. Please stop in and fill out your registration form. Details will be sent home prior to registration.

Adult Confirmation: A new adult confirmation class will be held beginning April 10 and continue weekly for 5 weeks. Confirmation is scheduled for Tuesday May 15 here at OLV. No charge. There will also be a separate class presented in Spanish. Call 575-4741 (ask to speak to Jenny) for more information or to register.

Los adultos clases de confirmacion comenzara el 10 de abril. Estas clases se impartiran en espanold. Por favor iiame al 575-4741 or 575-8132 para registrarse. 5 semanas de curso, sin cargo!

High School/ Young Adult Ministry : When registering your students this year remember we do have a faith sharing program on Wednesday nights from 6:15 to 7:30. This is for teens who have been confirmed. Everyone is invited.

Ground Zero Youth Group : 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Beginning March 4. Attend 11:30 a.m. Mass and then go to the Cathedral Center for food, faith and fun. Session will last until 2:30. Everyone welcomed, invite your friends. For more information contact Matthew Schaefer Youth Minister. 484-1632

End of the Year Testing: Students in grades one thru Confirmation Level will be having end of the year assessment tests. These are to gage how well our students have mastered the material presented this year. We also work on the prayers assigned for their grade level. Please work with your students at home to prepare for this test.

Importation Upcoming Dates

- March 7 – Regular Class
- Deadline for Confirmation Requirements
- March 14 – No Class – Spring Break
- March 19 – Parish Penance Service
- March 21 – Regular Class
- March 28 – Regular Class
- April 4 – Last Regular Class
- Confirmation Practice 6:15 p.m. in the Church
- April 8 – First Communion Special Sacrament Ms. Cheramie/Mrs. Ramos' Class 11:30 a.m.
- April 11 – Confirmation Reconciliation Service
6:15 p.m. in the Church
- April 15 – Confirmation – 2 p.m.
Sponsors and Candidates should be in the Cafeteria by 1:30 p.m.
- April 18 – First Communion Practice – 6:15 in the Church
- April 21 – Saturday 5:30 p.m. First Communion Mrs. Pruett and Ms. Mitchell's Class
- April 22 – Sunday 9:00 a.m. First Communion Mrs. Ortega and Ms. Soto's Class