

**ST. FRANCIS AND ST. CLARE
OF ASSISI PARISH
at ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH**



**Religious Education
Program for
Elementary Students
(Grades Primary to Six)**



**OVERVIEW OF ELEMENTARY
PROGRAM**

St. Catherine of Siena Church offers a Religious Education Program for Elementary Students (grade primary to six). The focus of the program is to involve the family unit in the life of their child's faith formation, and in the life of the community in which they worship. The program will recognize:

- the Sunday Celebration of the Mass as the centre of our Catholic faith;
- the presence of our families in the celebration of our Sunday liturgy;
- the parents/guardians as the primary educators of their children;
- the role of the Religious Education Program in supporting parents/ guardians in sharing their faith with their children through our classes, Children's Liturgies, Junior Choir, and some special gatherings for our students; and
- the role of the worshipping community in celebrating the presence of these young people within our community.

BI-WEEKLY CLASSES

Students from grade primary to six will gather for class, generally, on every second Sunday (please see schedule) to grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith. Classes will take place in St. Catherine of Siena's Church Hall on Sunday mornings from 10:00-10:45 am.

CHILDREN'S LITURGIES

As a Parish Family, we gather to celebrate Mass every Sunday. To assist younger members of the community to more fully understand the gospel message of the day, special Children's Liturgies will be held, generally, on every second Sunday (please see schedule). This liturgy is designed for children as young as three or four.

After the Introductory Rites of the Mass, students will leave Mass to hear the readings of the day from the Children's Lectionary, do an activity on the gospel message, and to discuss the lesson of the day with Catechists. Students and Catechists will rejoin the Mass during the collection.

Throughout the year, we will hold a couple of special Children's Liturgies in which our students and other youth in our community will take part in the different ministries of the Mass: Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers, and Junior Choir.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Eucharist/First Reconciliation - In addition to the regular program, an interactive book is provided to students in grade two preparing for these sacraments.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Bulletins, specifically designed for younger members of the community, will be available. These weekly bulletins will "bring home" the message through pictures, stories and activities based on the readings of the day.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Last year, we formed a Junior Choir. Although small in number, their songs have brought joy to the community. We hope to form it again this year.

SPECIAL PARISH GATHERINGS

There will also be opportunities provided for all students to come together at some special gatherings. These will take place on a Friday evening. More news to come!



2026-2027 Program Schedule for Grade Primary to Six Students:

September 13th - Children's Liturgy
September 27th - Children's Liturgy
October 4th - Class
October 11th - Holiday (Thanksgiving)
October 18th - Class
October 25th - Children's Liturgy
November 1st - Class
November 8th - Children's Liturgy
November 15th - Class
November 22nd - Children's Liturgy
November 29th - Class
 - Advent Wreath Making after the
 11:00 am & 7:00 pm Masses
December 6th - Children's Liturgy
December 13th - Class

January 3rd - Children's Liturgy
January 10th - Class
January 17th - Children's Liturgy
January 24th - Class
January 31st - Children's Liturgy
February 7th - Class
February 14th - Children's Liturgy
February 21st - Class
February 28th - Children's Liturgy
March 7th - Class
March 14th - Children's Liturgy
March 21st - Class
March 28th - Easter Sunday (no class)
April 4th - Class
April 11th - Children's Liturgy
April 18th - Class
April 25th - Children's Liturgy
May 2nd - Class
May 9th - Children's Liturgy
May 16th - Class (last one)
May 23rd - Holiday (Victoria Day)
May 30th - Children's Liturgy
June 13th - Children's Liturgy

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