

When to Register into the Program

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM

- Those enrolled in our All Souls Catholic School, have the First Holy Communion preparation spread over two years beginning from Grade One and ending when the child is in his/her Second Grade.
- Children attending Public Schools or Home Schooling or other private schools: The earliest they could be registered in the First Holy Communion program is when they enter their first grade in their schools.

This is a journey of Faith, Hope and Love: a journey where the Church invites the parents and their child to embark upon for the next two years. It is also a grace filled preparation for the family to share their faith with their child and watch the miracle of God coming in and through Jesus to dwell in our hearts.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

- In the second year of preparation they learn and understand the reality of sin. They share their understanding of taking responsibility for their actions. They become aware that our human actions are
 - thoughts (what we think),
 - words (what we say) and
 - deeds (what we do).
- They grow up knowing that there are good and bad actions and that these actions have their consequences and
 - the choices we make are at times good, and at other times bad
 - the good we choose to do, brings positive results and
 - the good we fail to do and the bad we choose to do, bring pain, hurt and suffering and bad results.
 - the bad actions affect our relationships adversely: they take away our trust in others
 - the bad actions destroy our friendships.
 - the good actions are virtues and bad actions are sins.
- They learn that our God, is our loving Father. That Jesus is our God of Hope and Forgiveness. That having realized that we have wronged someone, and be sorry for the bad we have done,
 - we can ask God for forgiveness and be forgiven
 - we can make amends and promise not to do it again.
 - we can make peace with God and others whom we have hurt.

It is a time of renewal for the parish community to embrace these children when they are enrolled in the Parish Sacramental preparation.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

7th Grade through 12th: Those Young men and women belonging to this age group, who have been Baptized, who have received the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist, are admitted into the program preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Confirmation Program consists of a two and a half years long preparation.

- The first year begins in the month of September and ends in the month of May of the following year.
- The Second year begins in the month of September, takes a summer break from June to August, and resumes in September and ends in the early part of November.

Depending upon the calendars and the availability of the confirming Bishops, the Sacrament of Confirmation is administered in the earlier part of November each year in All Souls Parish.

Regular Classes for those preparing to receive the Sacrament of:

- **First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are conducted on**

Mondays from 4pm to 5:30pm

Saturdays from 9am to 10:30am.

- **Confirmation program classes meet on Mondays from 7pm to 8:30pm.**

The Office of the Religious Education Program is located in the Upper Yard of the Parish Grounds right next to the All Souls School's entrance.

The Office Hours are as follows:

Mondays from 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Mondays from 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Saturdays from 8:30am to 11am.

- The office is closed on all State and Federal holidays and in the summer months of July and August, unless announced otherwise in the Parish bulletin. Please check the Parish Bulletin for additional information.

- All Souls Parish weekend Bulletin is one of the ways in which general information with regard to registrations into the Program to all parishioners is communicated.

- Parents are expected to be living within the boundaries of our Parish of All Souls, registered in All Souls Parish and worshipping regularly at All Souls Church in South San Francisco.

- Parents must call the All Souls' Religious Education Office at 650-873-5356 for information and requirements in order to complete the process of registration for their child or children in this program.

The Religious Education Program usually conducts "Open Enrollments" and registrations in the months of May and June to admit children into the upcoming new school year, which begins in the last week of August each year. *Parish weekend Bulletin publishes this information in the months of May and June.*