

*Summer Religious  
Education Program  
2019/2020*



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*It is impossible to persevere in a fervent evangelization unless we are convinced from personal experience that it is not the same thing to have known Jesus as not to have known Him, to walk with Him as to walk blindly, to hear His words as not to know it, and to contemplate Him, worship Him, find our peace in Him, as not to. With Jesus life becomes richer and with Him it is easier to find meaning in everything. True missionaries, who never cease to be disciples, know that Jesus walks with them, speaks to them, breathes with them, works with them. Unless we see Him present at the heart of our missionary commitment, our enthusiasm soon wanes and we are no longer sure of what we are handing on; we lack vigor and passion. A person who is not convinced, enthusiastic, certain, and in love, will convince nobody.*

*Pope Francis*

## **What is the Summer Program?**

The summer program is offered to our parishioners as an alternative to the traditional once a week class format that is held September through May.

## **When and where is the program offered?**

**Dates:** June 24 – June 28, 2019

**Time:** Grades 1-4 - 8:15 AM - 1:15 PM  
Grades 5-8 - 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Where:** Church of Epiphany

## **Is this program different from the traditional arrangement?**

The program seeks to accommodate the busy schedules of our families by eliminating the weekly “shuttling” of children to Religious Education Classes from September through May. Total class hours are the same as the traditional program but condensed into an intensive one week period.

**Students should bring a peanut free, healthy snack and water daily.**

## **Are there commitments beyond the one week summer classes for 2019/2020?**

**Yes, the following are mandatory participation:**

- **Weekly Mass & Homily Reflections:** Summer students are required to stay “connected” to the Epiphany Parish community throughout the year by their weekly attendance to Mass. Students are required to write fourteen (14) Homily reflections dated and signed by the Celebrant between June 1, 2019 and Easter Sunday 2020. Three (3) are the required grade Mass which are posted on the website, (there are no make up dates available for these dates) Christmas and Easter Mass, and nine (9) Sunday Masses at Epiphany of your choosing.
- **Penance Service:** Students are required to attend class Penance Service in the Worship Area. Please see attached Penance Service Schedule. Summer Students must check in with DRE at the beginning of the Penance Service and will receive a certificate that will be required for 2020 registration. There are no make-up dates available.
- **Family Intergenerational Sessions:** Parents and students are required to attend three (3) Epiphany Intergenerational Sessions which will be held during the Advent/Christmas, Lent, and Easter Season. (Students and family are to attend 1 option during Advent/Christmas, and 2 options during Lent and Easter.) Students

will receive a certificate at the end of each session. Please review the attached schedule for selection options.

- Sacramental Preparation: Students in grades 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> are required to attend sacramental preparation classes which will take place during the traditional 2019/20 school year. Please see attached for schedule and details.

**Please keep in mind there will not be any makeup dates available for any of the above.**

### **What are the other expectations of the program?**

- Full attendance at all classes;
- Late arrivals and early dismissal are not permitted and will result in removal from the summer program; and
- Tuition payment in full.

### **Who is eligible to enroll?**

- Registered parishioners of the Church of Epiphany; Families must be registered active parishioners whose children have been in Epiphany's Religious Education program - with the exception of first graders. However, all families must be registered active parishioners prior to enrolling.
- Students entering grades 1 - 8.

### **Sacramental Preparation:**

**Sacramental Preparation is not part of the summer program.** Students who are preparing for sacrament (Grades 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>) will meet at assigned times during the fall/winter program for sacramental preparation. Please see attached schedule. **There will not be any makeup sessions and 100% attendance is required – no exceptions will be made.**

- Preparing for First Penance & Eucharist, Grades 1 & 2;
- Preparing for Confirmation, Grades 7 & 8; and/or
- Students who are in other grades and are preparing for Sacraments at Easter Vigil.

### **What is the program tuition?**

#### **February 27 – May 17, 2019**

- One student : \$180
- Two students: \$275
- Three or more: \$350

#### **May 18 – June 1, 2019**

- One student : \$230

- Two students: \$325
- Three or more: \$400

**Registration deadline:**

No registrations will be accepted after June 1, 2019

Please note our summer program fills up quickly and is a first come basis for those who have met all previous year requirements.