

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the registration for your child in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Confirmation, and RCIA for Children and Families at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. We are delighted for the opportunity to assist you in your solemn duty of passing on your Faith to your children and growing in relationship with Jesus. It is our mission to share the Faith of the Roman Catholic Church in all its richness and authenticity. This is an effort, however, which will prove fruitless without the leadership and example of the parents. Therefore, let us all prayerfully consider anew what role we can play in this most important process for our children.

Our Religious Education program is sustained by volunteers who pass on the faith to our children. I thank them for performing this most important task of helping to guide our young people towards Jesus and the teachings of the Catholic Faith. Our volunteers are not paid but willingly give their time and energy. Please be kind to them and assist them with your support. We are constantly in need of more parents who are willing to assist with this ministry. If you feel a call toward this important job, please talk to any of the catechists. We will gladly accept your help.

There are 4 important things that parents should be aware of when signing up for Religious Education at Blessed Sacrament.

- 1. In order that we are able to accommodate the large numbers of Parish children with few trained volunteer catechists, we are not able to accept children who are not practicing members of Blessed Sacrament Parish. All registrations will be checked against the Parish database to verify membership.*
- 2. We require parents to assist at least 2 times per year with the children. You will be asked to help with classroom management, aiding with supplies, and the like. In addition we will require volunteer time in other key rolls such as, First Eucharist banner coordinator, Easter egg coordinator, locker tag construction, First Eucharist and Confirmation reception coordinators and more.*
- 3. Understanding that there are a limited number of spaces available per session and more children than spots, each participating family must commit to attend every assigned class throughout the year without missing more than 3 sessions.*
- 4. We encourage all children to attend religious education every year from 3 years and throughout adulthood. However, at a minimum, children must complete a year of Catechesis prior to the year of preparation for any Sacrament including Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. If your child has not fulfilled this requirement, they will need to wait until the following year to receive the graces of these Sacraments. This is to ensure proper time for growth in the relationship with our Lord and have appropriate time for discernment of the Sacraments. Please note that RCIA for children is handled differently and will be addressed at a later time.*

Last, I would like to draw your attention to an important date on the calendar. *On November 9th and 13th we will present the information for Safe Environment to the children in the classroom.* If your child will be unable to attend at that time, I need to have you sign an opt out form so that I can provide it to the archdiocese. I will cover this topic more at the parent orientation and will have the forms available at that time should you need one.

The Religious Education office is here to assist you and we want to give you the opportunity to share with us. If you would like to schedule a one-on-one meeting, or if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us. Let us all work together to ensure that we faithfully pass on the Catholic Faith to our children.

Thank you,
Sarah Rogers, Director of Religious Education

Checklist for Religious Education at Blessed Sacrament

- Registration Form
- Payment included
- Copy of Baptism Certificate attached, in the parish office, or being faxed
- Emergency Contact / Release / Picture/ Pickup Form
- Religious Education Commitment letter
- Miscellaneous

All forms must be complete and signed and all documentation and payment must be received before your application will be considered for enrollment!

Forms are due by Sunday, September 11th, 2016.

You will be notified by email by September 21st of your class assignments.

No registrations shall be accepted after October 9th, 2016.

Please return all subsequent forms and materials, and a check made payable to: *Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church* to: Religious Education Registration 2016-2017, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1912 Eudora Street, Denver, CO 80220.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Religious Education Registration Form



For Office Use

Date Rec'd: _____
 Check #: _____ Amount: _____
 Date Entered in Database: _____
 ER Form: _____ Bapt. Cert: _____

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Sex M/F	Age	Grade 2016-17 PreK-6th	Birthday M/D/Y	School Presently Attending	Program Day and Time (Mark 1 st and 2 nd choice)	Sacraments Already Received
								<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 9:00 <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 4:15 <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 5:45	<input type="checkbox"/> Baptism <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Reconciliation <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Communion
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Mother's Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Father's Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ Alternative Address _____

Email Address: _____

Special Needs/Behavior Issues/Helpful Information – List child's name and any pertinent information – Use the back if needed

My child has an IEP at school: Yes _____ No _____

TUITION: *Postmarked or rc'd on or before 09/11/16 :* Registered Families: \$100 for 1 child \$190 for 2 children \$275 for 3 or more children

Postmarked or rc'd after 09/11/16: Registered Families: \$125 for 1 child \$215 for 2 children \$300 for 3 or more children

DONATIONS: We kindly accept ALL donations to the program.

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CLASS SELECTION AND PREFERENCE: Please indicate on the registration form, your class selection for each child. Then indicate a second option (if available). **Class size is strictly limited to 15 children.** Preference is given in the following order; 1.Children of Lead Catechists and trained Assistants 2.Returning Students 3.Siblings of Returning Students, on a first come, first served basis. After the registration deadline, it is on a first come first served basis only. You will be given your first choice if available, then your second choice, if available.

CGS Level I – Age 3-6	CGS Level II – Age 6-9	CGS Level III – Age 9-12	RCIA for Parent and Child	Confirmation – 6th grade +
Sunday 9:00-10:15 am	Sunday 9:00-10:15 am	Sunday 9:00-10:15 am	Sunday 9:00-10:15 am	
Wednesday 4:15–5:30 pm	Wednesday 4:15–5:30 pm	Wednesday 4:15–5:30 pm		
Wednesday 5:45–7:00 pm	Wednesday 5:45–7:00 pm	Wednesday 5:45–7:00 pm		Wednesday 5:45 – 7:00 pm

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)– Ages 3-11 or

The CGS program uses a Montessori approach to religious education which incorporates Scripture, Liturgy, Prayer, and hands-on materials to teach about the Catholic faith. Each child works at his/her own pace. Class size is limited to 15 children. Please note that this is a multi-year program where material covered in following years builds on material presented in previous years. For all children, liturgy is an integral part of the Atrium, therefore all ages 3-18 will be dismissed in time to attend 10:30 am Mass during the Sunday sessions. Without exception, children must be age 3 by 8/30 and potty trained before entering the program. Class level assignments will be made by the director in cooperation with the Catechists.

RCIA for Parents and Children – unbaptized children 7 and older

The RCIA program will follow a workbook style lesson each week. Both Children and parents must attend together.

Confirmation Program – (6th– High School Senior)

Each Candidate and sponsor will receive a workbook from the CHOSEN confirmation program that contains the weekly lessons. Candidates and sponsors should seek to establish a consistent meeting schedule. There will be a service project and Saint project assigned. Candidates will be Confirmed at the in the spring during the Easter season at a date approved by the Bishop. A minimum of 2 years of Catechesis in Religious Education or Catholic School are required prior to Confirmation. Parents of children making their Confirmation are required to attend several mandatory meetings and a mini-retreat throughout the year.

Sacramental Preparation (First Reconciliation) – Previously Baptized Ages 7 – 11

Sacramental Preparation will run concurrently with CGS Level II. If you wish your child to prepare for First Reconciliation, please sign them up for CGS and indicate on your registration the Sacraments your child will be seeking this year. Please note that First Communion will not be celebrated during the 2016-17 school year. Parents of children making their First Reconciliation will be required to attend several mandatory meetings and a mini-retreat throughout the year. A minimum of 2 years of Catechesis are required prior to Sacramental Preparation. Please see the Sacramental Preparation page for additional age and preparation requirements.

NOTIFICATION OF CLASS ASSIGNMENTS: You will receive notification by e-mail the last week of September. The notice will include the day, time, and room number where your student has been placed. If you haven’t been notified by October 5th, please email Sarah Rogers at dre@blessedsacrament.net

Questions: Contact Sarah Rogers at 303-355-7361, DRE@blessedsacrament.net .

Sacramental Preparation

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation is received around the ages of 7, usually in the second grade, but later if necessary. Confirmation for children who have previously received their First Communion is received around the age of 11, or Sixth grade. **The child must have completed a minimum 2 full years of preparation in the Atrium, OR 2 full years of Catholic School, CCD, or Catechism at another parish and be able to demonstrate a preparedness and desire to receive any Sacrament as determined by the child, family, and Pastor.**

Students seeking the Sacrament of First Reconciliation should be enrolled in the Level II Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. These children will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion the following year (third grade). **There will be a mandatory parents and child Sacramental retreat for First Reconciliation on Saturday, March 4, 2017 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. which includes the child's First Reconciliation.** If you are unable to attend for all or a portion of the retreat, we will have to delay the sacraments until the following year. Each child is required to complete First Reconciliation prior to Confirmation or First Communion.

Confirmation dates are TBD and will be communicated as soon as they are verified by the Bishop usually by January.

There will be 3 to 4 other required meetings held for both groups throughout the year in preparation as needed. Please check the schedule online for the dates for Mandatory parent meetings.

If your child is receiving First Reconciliation or Confirmation this year, the Archdiocese of Denver requires that we have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate for each child.

✦ If your child was Baptized at Blessed Sacrament, we have your certificate on file. Please indicate as such and no further action is required.

✦ If your child was Baptized at another parish, please contact the parish and have them fax a copy to Blessed Sacrament, Attention Director of Religious Education; 303-355-0894. We must have a copy on file before your child can begin classes.

✦ If your child was Baptized in any other Christian faith besides Catholic, they will be required to do a profession of faith. Please notify Sarah Rogers immediately if this is the case.

✦ If your child is not currently Baptized, please contact Sarah Rogers immediately for further instruction.

Emergency Contact / Release / Pictures / Pickup

Emergency Information

In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me, please contact:

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Picture Permission

- I give permission to use my child'(s) picture and name for the marketing of the Religious Education Program including the Blessed Sacrament Church Facebook page.
- Permission denied using my child'(s) picture and name for the marketing of the Religious Education Program.

Pickup Information

The following individuals are authorized to pick up my child(ren):

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Religious Education Commitment Letter
2016-2017

By signing this letter I acknowledge that I am my child's first and foremost Catechist and a primary part of that responsibility is to bring my child to worship at Sunday Mass every Sunday throughout the year. I will also do my best to work with Blessed Sacrament to help my child receive a good faith education by bringing them to class early, prepared, and with the understanding that the Religious Education classroom maintains a Christian caring atmosphere with respect for all. I further understand that bringing my child in late to class is disruptive to the other children and impacts their experience and time in the Atrium. In the case that Blessed Sacrament is unable to meet the needs of my child, I agree that I will work with the program director by attending class with my child or completing an alternate form of religious education. In addition, I agree to attend the periodic parent/guardian meetings, as scheduled.

Parent(s) signature(s): _____

By signing this letter I acknowledge that as part of my Religious Education and faith experience I am called to worship. Attending Mass every week throughout the entire year helps me by nourishing me with The Word of God and The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. I will also do my best to arrive at class early, be prepared, and understand that the classroom maintains a Christian caring atmosphere with respect for all. I promise to show respect and kindness to the Catechist, the Atrium, the materials, and all of the children.

Student(s) Signature(s): _____

Special Dates for Religious Education 2016-2017

Unless otherwise noted below, class will be held on the assigned date and time.

Please reference the calendar online at www.blessedsacrament.net

Day	DATE	
Friday	8/26/2016	Registration for Religious Education 2016-17 year is open for enrollment
Sunday	9/11/2016	Registration DUE
Monday	9/19/2016	Confirmation Parent Orientation meeting - Mandatory
Sunday	9-Oct	Parent Orientation - Mandatory Meeting – child’s first day of class
Wednesday	12-Oct	Parent Orientation - Mandatory Meeting – child’s first day of class
Wednesday	26-Oct	No Class - FALL BREAK
Sunday	30-Oct	No Class - FALL BREAK
Wednesday	9-Nov	Safe Environment for Children taught in class
Sunday	13-Nov	Safe Environment for Children taught in class
Sunday	20-Nov	No Class - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Wednesday	23-Nov	No Class - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Sunday	27-Nov	No Class - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Wednesday	21-Dec	No Class - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Sunday	25-Dec	No Class - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Wednesday	28-Dec	No Class - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Sunday	1-Jan	No Class - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Wednesday	4-Jan	No Class - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Sunday	8-Jan	No Class - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Sunday	19-Feb	No Class - PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND
Wednesday	1-Mar	No Class - ASH WEDNESDAY Service 6:30 p.m.
Saturday	4-Mar	8:30-3:00 Mandatory Reconciliation parent/child Retreat with First Reconciliation
Sunday	26-Mar	No Class - SPRING BREAK
Wednesday	29-Mar	No Class - SPRING BREAK
Sunday	2-Apr	No Class - SPRING BREAK
Wednesday	12-Apr	No Class - HOLY WEEK
Sunday	16-Apr	No Class - EASTER SUNDAY
Wednesday	3-May	Last day of class
Sunday	7-May	Last day of class