

Parish School of Religion (PSR)
St. Elizabeth and Our Lady of Lourdes
2020-2021

General:

REVISED CALENDAR - Classes will be held on Wednesdays and will run from August 26, 2020 – May 12, 2021. Class dates are listed below.

2020

August 26*
September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
October 7, 14, 28
November 4, 18
December 2, 9, 16

2021

January 6, 13, 20, 27
February 3, 10, 17, 24
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
April 7, 14, 21, 28
May 5, 12*

* Opening and Closing Mass – Students and teachers only to allow for social distancing.

CLASS SCHEDULE - Classes will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center at St. Elizabeth for grades K-6. Seventh and eighth graders will report to the church basement classroom. Students should be picked up in the Parish Center at 7:30 p.m. **Children will not be allowed to leave without an adult present.**

PHONES - Students with a cell phone are asked to keep the phone on silent and not use it during class.

TEXTBOOKS – Textbooks may be taken home but it is the student’s responsibility to bring it back to class. Please treat these books with care as they belong to the church and are reused each year. If a student loses or destroys a book, it should be replaced by that student.

MAKE-UP FOR MISSED CLASSES – If a child should miss class for any reason, they will be asked to complete the missed lesson at home and return the completed material to their PSR teacher or to Kathy Staller, DRE. Textbooks and workbooks may be taken home but it is the student’s responsibility to bring them back for class.

CANCELLATIONS - If Robinson Schools cancel because of weather or COVID-19, PSR classes will also be cancelled that evening. In case of bad weather later in the day, please check Facebook, email, and the REMIND messaging system for cancellations.

Special Considerations for Coronavirus:

- All PSR students and adults will be required to wear masks when in the Parish Center or Church.
- Students should report directly to their classroom.
- Teachers will arrange classrooms to allow for as much social distancing as possible.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom.
- **HOME LEARNING OPTION** – Due to coronavirus, some families may not be comfortable sending their child to PSR class. In this case, books/workbooks will be provided and parents will be responsible for working with their child to complete their weekly lessons. Weekly lesson material should be completed and turned in to Kathy Staller.

Class Placement:

Ideally all children will be placed in the grade level corresponding to their grade level at school.

Children who have not completed prior years of religious education will need to make up the missed coursework. This can be accomplished via independent at-home study, with special tutoring at the Parish Center, or some combination of both. Parents are responsible for assisting with their child's study at home.

First Reconciliation:

Typically, this sacrament is received in second grade. Preparation for First Reconciliation will include learning prayers and completing the "Silver Book." Fr. Suresh will determine each child's readiness to receive First Reconciliation by consulting with the child's PSR teachers and by having a personal interview with each student along with a parent.

Confirmation:

Students originally scheduled to receive Confirmation on June 8, 2020 will be given the opportunity to receive Confirmation in September or October, 2020. Parents of these students will be contacted outside of this document.

With the new restored order of the sacraments, Confirmation will take place every other year for 2nd/3rd graders. Additionally, students in 8th/9th grade who have not received Confirmation may also receive it every other year.

Preparation for Confirmation for 2nd/3rd graders will occur during regular PSR classes. Preparation for 8th/9th graders will be via special Sunday evening classes. Any student not baptized at St. Elizabeth or Our Lady of Lourdes must provide documentation of their baptism. Fr. Suresh will determine each student's readiness to receive Confirmation by consulting with the child's PSR teachers and by having a personal interview with each student along with a parent.

Holy Communion:

Students originally scheduled to receive First Holy Communion on June 8, 2020 will be given the opportunity to receive First Holy Communion in September, 2020. Parents of these students will be contacted outside of this document.

If already baptized and confirmed, and in the second grade or above, all children that have attained the age of reasoning (7 years old) can receive Holy Communion providing they meet all the requirements of the Parish School of Religion. Students who were not baptized at St. Elizabeth or Our Lady of Lourdes will be required to provide proof of baptism.

Preparation for First Holy Communion includes completion of the "Golden Book" as well as other approved class materials to study at home. Fr. Suresh will determine each child's readiness to receive First Holy Communion by consulting with the child's PSR teachers and by having a personal interview with each student along with a parent. Given the sacredness of this sacrament, parents are encouraged to inform parish staff if they think that their child may not be ready or mature enough to understand the actual meaning of Holy Communion.