



Holy Redeemer Parish

School of Religion

2017 – 2018 Registration Information

Holy Redeemer Parish offers a faith formation program of instruction in the Catholic faith called **School of Religion**. This program is open to children ages three years old through 8th grade.

Classes meet on Sunday mornings at the following times:
(except for major holidays; please refer to schedule)

3 & 4 year olds and Kindergarten: 9:50 a.m. until the end of the 10:00 a.m. Mass

1st Grade through 8th Grade: 10:00 a.m. Mass, Class until 12:30 p.m.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR SCHOOL OF RELIGION (SOR):

1. Complete the attached SOR Registration Form. **A new form is required to be completed every year.** *Please detach the registration form from this information form and turn in only the registration form.*
2. If your child is **new** to School of Religion and was **not** baptized at Holy Redeemer Parish, please submit a **copy** of his/her Baptismal Certificate with your completed registration form.
3. Pay the registration fee. Fees are found on the registration form. Cash or checks made to "Holy Redeemer" are acceptable forms of payment. If you need to discuss the fees, please contact Mrs. Berard. *For the children of catechists or catechist's aides: ALL registration fees are waived.*
4. **Registration forms are due by Sunday, August 20th.** *This will help us to adequately prepare for the upcoming year and allow for the first day of classes to run smoothly. If you turn in your registration form after August 20th, we cannot guarantee that your child will have a textbook and supplies for the first day of class.* Place the completed registration form, copies of the baptismal certificate(s) (if needed), and the registration fee in an envelope and return to the parish office by one of the following four ways:
 - a. Mail to: Holy Redeemer Parish (Attn: Beth Berard)
4902 Berwyn Rd.
College Park, MD 20740

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- b. Place envelope in the collection basket at Sunday Mass. (*Write on envelope: "Attn: Beth Berard".*)
- c. Place envelope in parish office door mail slot. (*Write on envelope: "Attn: Beth Berard".*)
- d. Drop envelope off at the parish office anytime Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT: The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are administered to children who are in 2nd grade. *However, children who intend to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist must have been enrolled in SOR or another formal Catholic religious education program the prior year. If your child is entering 2nd grade but has not received any formal religious education and/or has not received the Sacrament of Baptism, they will be placed in 1st grade or will be required to enroll in our Rite of Christian Initiation for Children program. Please contact Mrs. Berard for more information.*

The Sacrament of Confirmation is administered to children who are in 8th grade. *However, children must have been enrolled in SOR or another formal Catholic religious education program the year before. If your child is entering 8th grade but has not received any formal religious education or the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and/or Eucharist, they will be placed in 7th grade SOR and will be required to enroll in our Rite of Christian Initiation for Children program. Please contact Mrs. Berard for more information.*

Weekly attendance at Mass (for children in 1st grade and higher) and School of Religion is expected of all children. If your child is receiving a Sacrament this year, attendance at School of Religion is extremely important for their sacramental preparation. If a child is not in attendance for the majority of classes, they may not be able to receive these Sacraments.

All announcements concerning the dates and times of classes for School of Religion will appear in the Sunday Parish Bulletin and will be e-mailed out to families who have enrolled. Families registering **before August 20th** will receive information on the first day of classes. Families registering **after August 20th, but before the opening day**, will need to see Mrs. Berard on the first day of School of Religion to obtain their child's classroom assignment.

E-mails will regularly be sent to School of Religion families regarding important dates and information. Parents are strongly encouraged to read these e-mails as they contain important announcements such as possible cancellations or other reminders.

If you have any questions regarding the registration form, policies, or anything in regards to the School of Religion program, please contact Mrs. Berard at the parish office at (301) 474-3920 or e-mail her at bberard@holy-redeemer.org. Thank you! We are looking forward to a great year!

"People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them."

{Mark 10:13-16}