



# St. Timothy's C.C.D. 2018-19



Dear C.C.D Families:

We recall that Jesus said in the Gospels, "let the children come to me," and we understand that literally and figuratively. The former for children and youth, and the latter for adults, that they might be simple of heart. The religious education we provide supplements and confirms the religious experience you offer in your homes. Parents (guardians) are the first evangelizers. Families, homes, or whatever the makeup, are a domestic church. The local church assembly or parish completes and confirms you and your family's faith in God.

Blessings,

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*Faith Formation Team*

## CATECHISTS:

TBD, *Pre K & Kindergarten*

Brenda Stevenson, *First Communion 1*

Carmen Martin, *First Communion 2*

Malena De Souza, *Post Communion*

Barbara LaBrier, *Children's Liturgy*

**First Holy Communion Preparation** is a two year program. We are pleased to partner with your family in preparing your child for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Parents are required to attend one orientation session each year. Parents and children are required to attend a meeting & rehearsal the second year. Families are expected to attend weekly Sunday Mass. Family Mass is at 9:00 am. Consistent class attendance is expected.

## EXPECTATIONS

**Students:** Arrive on time      Respect others.      Follow class rules      Complete assignments  
Bring textbook & pencil to class each week (\$30 replacement fee for lost textbook)

### Parents:

- Attend Mass regularly with your child, if possible. 9:00 am Family Mass offers Children's Liturgy of the Word.
- Encourage your child to be an active minister, such as an altar server
- Incorporate class lessons into family life.
- **Baptism Certificate for First Holy Communion 2, due upon registration, final due date October 14**
- Student absences, maximum 3 excused. **Please mail [stluciavf@gmail.com](mailto:stluciavf@gmail.com) or [stcmanetterf@gmail.com](mailto:stcmanetterf@gmail.com)** if your child will be absent. We find parents communicate primarily by email, but you may also leave a message for us at 310-474-1216.

**DO NOT BRING TO CLASS:** toys, books, electronic devices, food, beverages

**Cell phone usage** is not permitted during class, as it is disruptive to fellow students and the teacher. Usage will result in confiscation class ends. Please discuss this policy with your child.

## CURRICULUM

### Pre K / Kindergarten - God Made the World (ages 4 & 5)

Class begins with reading of the Sunday Gospel at an age appropriate level. Each Sunday there is also an art project.

### First Holy Communion, Year 1 (1st grade +)

Basic formation for First Holy Communion begins with this class.

### First Holy Communion, Year 2 (2nd grade +)

Children begin preparation for First Reconciliation, and continue with First Holy Communion formation.

### Post Communion (3rd grade +)

Continuing Catholic teaching with emphasis on the Mass, the Beatitudes, and the Gospels.

## CANCELLATION OF CLASSES

Although we do not anticipate any reason to cancel a class, we will make every effort to inform you via a phone call or e mail.

## CRISIS PLAN

In the unlikely event that the school would need to be evacuated, students would be taken to the Parish Hall or the parking lot.

## SUNDAY DISMISSAL - SAFETY FIRST!

In keeping with our safety practices regarding the dismissal of children from class, all parents must come to the classroom to pick up, and sign out, their child(ren).

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

St. Timothy's C.C.D. presents a child abuse prevention program, the Touching Safety program. Developed by the creators of Protecting God's Children, it is taught by a trained instructor and is age appropriate. For more information visit the VIRTUS Online website at <http://www.Virtus.org>. A handout with an overview of the program is provided at orientation.

## VIRTUS FOR ADULTS

The **VIRTUS** session will help you as parents understand the facts and myths about protecting your children, warning signs and how caring adults can take five important steps to keep children safe. This class is for adults only who wish to volunteer with our children and youth. Please contact [stlucivf@gmail.com](mailto:stlucivf@gmail.com) for information regarding upcoming classes, or go to [la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/education.aspx](http://la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/education.aspx)

## C.C.D. Schedule 2018-2019; Sundays, 10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

### SEPTEMBER

- 9 Classes begin, 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- 16 **Parent Orientation Meeting 10:45–11:30 a.m.**  
**Rm. TBD; Catechists Commissioned, 9 a.m. Mass**

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### OCTOBER

- 7
- 14 **Baptism Certificates Due, First Communion 2**
- 21\*
- 28

### NOVEMBER

- 4
- 11
- 18
- 25\* No Class, Thanksgiving Weekend

### DECEMBER

- 2
- 9 Christmas Art Project
- 16, 23\*, 30 No Class, Christmas Break

### JANUARY

- 6 Classes Resume
- 20
- 27\*

### FEBRUARY

- 3
- 10 Valentine's Day Art Project

- 17 No Class, President's Day Weekend
- 24\*

### MARCH

- 3
- 10
- 14 **Thursday, 6:30- 7:30 p.m., Church:**  
**First Communion Parents Meeting**  
**& First Reconciliation Rehearsal**
- 15 **Friday, 6:30 p.m., Church, First Reconciliation**  
**Liturgy**
- 17\* No Class – Religious Education Congress for Catechists

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### APRIL

- 7
- 14 No Class, Weaving of Palm Crosses, 9 a.m. Mass
- 21 No Class, Easter Egg Hunt on Front Lawn
- 28\* Classes Resume

### MAY

- 5
- 12 Last Class, Pizza Party
- 18 **Saturday, 10 a.m. -12:00 p.m., Church:**  
**First Communion Family Meeting & Rehearsal**
- 19 **Sunday, First Communion, 9 a.m. Mass,**  
**First Communicants at Beverly Glen by 8:30**

\*Religious Education Hospitality, Parish Hall

 **Mandatory items for First Holy Communion 2**