

**TEENAGE CONFIRMATION
2016 - 2017 SCHEDULE OF CLASSES
YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2**

September 11, 2016
10:30am to 12:30pm

October 16, 2016
10:30am to 12:30pm

November 13, 2016
10:30am to 12:30pm

December 11, 2016
10:30am to 12:30pm

January 8, 2017
10:30am to 12:30pm

February 12, 2017
10:30am to 12:30pm

March 12, 2017
10:30am to 12:30pm

April 2, 2017
10:30am to 12:30pm

May 7, 2017
10:30am to 12:30pm



A light snack will be served at break time during each class.

*Date of Confirmation to be announced in early 2017.
There will also be a mandatory Confirmation retreat the
day before the Confirmation Mass. Date of retreat to be
determined based on the date of Confirmation 2017.*

**Welcome to St. Timothy's 2016 - 2017
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!**

Preparation for First Holy Communion



Preparation for Confirmation



Preparation for First Reconciliation



St. Timothy Catholic Church
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
10425 W. Pico Blvd., West Los Angeles 90064

Dear Religious Education Families:

Welcome to our family! A basic right and need of every person is to belong, otherwise we are ostracized. We know from the animal world that that results in death. You belong here. We are a reflection or Sacrament of God's loving care for us in the Person of Jesus. We all belong to God and therefore to each other in the family of God shown forth in the Church. This is the most important part of our existence as a Church and as a parish. That is the reason we have the ministry of "Religious Education": To know we belong and experience that in our community and learn about who God is and who we are in relation to God. Thank you for being part of our Religious Education Family.

God bless you,
Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Paul E. Vigil
PASTOR

Greetings Religious Education Friends!

I am so grateful for all of you who are a part of our Religious Education ministry. It is with great pleasure that I welcome your children to another year of faith formation in our wonderful Community. To be on this journey with your children is quite meaningful to myself and our catechists!

In gratitude, and with blessings,

Michelle Morrison
C.R.E.



FEBRUARY 2017

- 5th - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
- 7th - **7:00 pm Mandatory parents meeting in the Church for First Communion class only - in the Church**
- 12th - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM - **Valentine's Day art project**
- 19th - Class 10:15 - 11:30*
***Hospitality after 9 and 10:30 AM Mass, provided by SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 26th - **No Class - Religious Education Congress for Catechists**

MARCH 2017

- 2nd - **SAC 2 First Reconciliation Rehearsal, Thursday, 6:30- 7:30 PM at Church**
- 3rd - **SAC 2 First Reconciliation Liturgy, Friday, 6:30 PM at Church**
- 5th - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
- 12th - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
- 19th - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
- 26th - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM

APRIL 2017

- 2nd - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
- 9th - **No Class - Weaving of Palm Crosses at the 9AM Mass - PALM SUNDAY**
- 16th - **No Class - Easter Sunday - Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn**
- 23rd - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM*
***Hospitality after 9 and 10:30 AM Mass, provided by SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 30th - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM

MAY 2017

- 7th - Class 10:15 - 11:30AM
- 14th - Class 10:15 - 11:30, Last Class Pizza Party
- 20th - **10 AM - 2 PM First Communion Family Retreat and Rehearsal in Parish Hall and Church**
- 21st - **First Communion 9 AM Sunday Mass**
First Communicants must be dropped off by 8:30 AM in the Chapter Room. Families and friends will wait in the reserved pews in Church.
- 28th - **Hospitality after 9 and 10:30 AM Mass, provided by SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Religious Education Department

SEPTEMBER 2016

- 11th - First day of class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
18th - Catechetical Sunday 9 AM Mass - Commissioning of Catechists Ceremony
18th - Class 10:15- 11:30 AM
Parent Orientation Meeting (in downstairs Classroom) 10:45-11:30 AM
25th - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM*
***Hospitality after 9 and 10:30 AM Mass, provided by SUNDAY SCHOOL**

OCTOBER 2016

- 2nd - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
9th - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
16th - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
23rd - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM*
***Hospitality after 9 and 10:30 AM Mass, provided by SUNDAY SCHOOL**
30th - Class 10:30 - 11:30AM

NOVEMBER 2016

- 6th - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
13th - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
20th - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
27th - **No Class - Thanksgiving Day weekend***
***Hospitality after 9 and 10:30 AM Mass, provided by SUNDAY SCHOOL**

DECEMBER 2016

- 4th - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
11th - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM - Christmas Art Project
18th - **No Class - Christmas Vacation**
25th - **No Class - Christmas Day**

JANUARY 2017

- 1st - **No Class - New Year's Day**
8th - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
15th - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
22nd - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM*
***Hospitality after 9 and 10:30 AM Mass, provided by SUNDAY SCHOOL**
29th - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM

Fr. Paul E. Vigil

Pastor

Michelle Morrison

Coordinator of Religious Education

Lena Randle

School Principal

CATECHISTS:

Barbara LaBrier

Children's Liturgy

Nicole Bosley

Pre K & Kindergarten

Sherley Rios

Sacrament 1

Carmen Martin

Sacrament 2

Irene Gerety

Post Sacrament

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS:

James Cones

Confirmation Year 1

Larry Zehnder

Confirmation Year 2

OTHER VOLUNTEERS:

Open position

Hospitality Coordinator

We are always looking for volunteers, i.e. Arts 'n' Crafts, Front Office, Catechist Sub., Ad Hoc projects

Please call or e mail Michelle if you have any questions - 310-474-1102 / dre@sttimothy.org

RELIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT

The home is the most influential force in the life of children. Christian attitudes and values are formed in the home.

As stated in the National Catechetical Directory, Catechetical programs are not intended to supplant parents as the primary educators of their children. Parental involvement in catechetical programs is essential.

Formal religious education class promotes continuous spiritual growth and discipleship. Our teachers are faith-filled people dedicated to spreading the Gospel message of love and service.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

Please adhere to calendar events and class schedule
Arrive on time for all religious education activities and classes

Contact the office (310-474-1102) if your child is going to be absent

If your child misses a class, please discuss with your child's teacher any makeup assignments

Attend Mass every weekend with your child, if possible. Our 9:00 am Mass offers a program, called Children's Liturgy of the Word, for children participation

Encourage your child to be active ministers, as altar servers, greeters, or choir members

Reinforce classroom lessons at home. Incorporate values learned at school into everyday family activities.

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.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

VIRTUS FOR ADULTS

The **VIRTUS** session will help you as parents understand the facts and myths about protecting your children, and the 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 Sunday School children. Please contact the DRE's office for more information regarding upcoming classes.

TEACHING TOUCHING SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

This training is provided by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as a tool designed to assist parents and teachers in the important, ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children.

This is NOT a sexual education class. It is not intended to be a substitute for your responsibility of educating your children in the area of human sexuality and love.

We have provided an overview with this handbook so that you'll be aware of the nature of this important program. Also included in this overview are some tools to help you with further discussions with your child as they mature.

- ◆ Consistent class attendance
- ◆ Parent attendance of the orientation session the first year
- ◆ Attendance of the parent meeting, the family retreat, and the rehearsal the second year

ST. TIMOTHY YOUTH MINISTRY - “STYM”

Our St. Timothy Youth Ministry (STYM) is offered to the youth of our parish in grades 8th through 12th. Many opportunities are offered, such as Community Service, Leadership Skills, Public Speaking, Team Building Skills, and Active Participation in the Mass. Confirmation students are required to attend 4 STYM gatherings per school year in order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact Manette at 310-470-6276 for more information about our STYM ministry.

SERVICE HOURS

In addition to the 4 STYM gatherings each year, Confirmation students are required to perform 20 service hours per year. Please contact the Coordinator of Religious Education if you have any questions.

CRISIS PLAN

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

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Respectful Christian behavior is expected of all students. There is no tolerance for disrespectful Behavior.

We foster and build a Christ-like community of love, compassion, and kindness for one another.

Follow classroom rules.

TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Students are responsible for textbooks taken home. Textbooks and supplies must be brought to every class. Children should bring a pencil, eraser, and a small note pad for taking notes in class, in addition to their textbook. We cannot be held responsible for items left in the classroom. There is a \$30 charge for replacement books to cover our additional costs.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN CLASS UNLESS REQUESTED BY THE TEACHER

- ◆ Toys or stuffed animals
- ◆ Books
- ◆ Electronic devices
- ◆ Food and beverages

CELL PHONES

Cell phones are not permitted at any time during class. It is disruptive to the class, and disrespectful to the teacher. Any usage of cell phones will result in confiscation until after class. Please discuss this policy with your child/teenager.

REGISTRATION AND TUITION

Parishioner tuition: \$175 per child per year
Non-parishioner: \$200 per child per year

Payments should be paid in full at the beginning of the Sunday school year. In addition to regular tuition, FHC 2 and Confirmation 2 requires an administrative fee of \$100 to be paid prior to their First Holy Communion and Confirmation Liturgies.

No parish member will be turned away from the Religious Education Program at St. Timothy's due to an inability to pay the tuition. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please call the Coordinator of Religious Education and request either a payment plan or consideration of a reduction in tuition. All financial arrangements made are to be kept confidential between the parents and the rectory office.

To complete the registration process, we require the following:

- 1) A completed registration form
- 2) Tuition payment
- 3) A copy of the baptismal certificate

CURRICULUM

*There will be one off-campus field trip during the school year, and all children are invited to attend!
Details will sent home with the children.*

Pre K / Kindergarten - God Made the World

This class is open to children starting at age 3. We start the class with the reading of the Sunday Gospel at an age appropriate level. Each Sunday there is also an art project.

First Holy Communion—Year One

Basic formation for the First Holy Communion two year program begins with this class. Students are accepted starting in the first grade.

First Holy Communion—Year Two

In this class the children begin the preparation for First Reconciliation, and continue with First Holy Communion formation.

Post Sacrament

This class focuses on continuing Catholic teaching with an emphasis on The Mass, The Beatitudes, and The Gospels.

Confirmation—Year One

Basic formation for the Confirmation two year program begins with this class. Students are accepted starting in the 8th grade.

Confirmation—Year Two

This class focuses on the formation of prayer, the Bible, The Holy Spirit, The Church and its mission, and the meaning of the Sacrament of Confirmation

ATTENDANCE

Consistent class attendance is mandatory. The policy is 1 excused absence per year for Confirmation and 3 excused absences per year for Sunday School. Absences can only be excused in advance with notice to the Coordinator of Religious Education.

SACRAMENT PROGRAM

Reception of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, the Sacrament of Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Confirmation requires the following: