

**TEENAGE CONFIRMATION  
2017 - 2018 SCHEDULE OF CLASSES  
YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2**

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

October 15, 2017  
10:30am to 12:30pm

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

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

January 14, 2018  
10:30am to 12:30pm

February 11, 2018  
10:30am to 12:30pm

March 11, 2018  
10:30am to 12:30pm

April 22, 2018  
10:30am to 12:30pm  
Last Class



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

**Confirmation is May 5, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.  
There is a mandatory Confirmation retreat the day before  
the Confirmation Mass.**

**Welcome to St. Timothy's 2017 - 2018  
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:**

**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,**

**Fr. Paul Vigil  
Pastor**



**Greetings Religious Education Friends!**

**We are so grateful for all of you who are a part of our Religious Education ministry. It is with great pleasure that we 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 all of us!**

**In gratitude, and with blessings,**

**Religious Education Department**

**FEBRUARY 2018**

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
  - 11<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM - Valentine’s Day art project
  - 18<sup>th</sup> - **No Class - President’s Day weekend**
  - 25<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30\*
- \*Hospitality in parish hall provided by Religious Education**

**MARCH 2018**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - **SAC 2 First Reconciliation Rehearsal & Parent Meeting, Thursday, 6:30- 7:30 PM at Church**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - **SAC 2 First Reconciliation Liturgy, Friday, 6:30 PM at Church**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
  - 11<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
  - 18<sup>th</sup> - **No Class - Religious Education Congress for Catechists**
  - 25<sup>th</sup> - **No Class - Weaving of Palm Crosses at 9am Mass - Palm Sunday\***
- \*Hospitality in parish hall provided by Religious Education**

**APRIL 2018**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - **No Class - Easter Sunday - Easter Egg Hunt on front lawn**
  - 8<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
  - 15<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM\*
- \*Hospitality in parish hall provided by Religious Education**
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM

**MAY 2018**

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30AM
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 -11:30AM, Last Class Pizza Party
- 19<sup>th</sup> - **10 AM - 2 PM First Communion Family Retreat and Rehearsal in Parish Hall and Church**
- 20<sup>th</sup> - **First Communion 9 AM Sunday Mass**  
**First Communicants must be dropped off by 8:30 AM**  
**Families and friends will wait in the reserved pews in Church**
- 27<sup>th</sup> - **Hospitality in parish hall provided by Religious Education**

### SEPTEMBER 2017

10<sup>th</sup> - First day of class 10:15 - 11:30 AM  
17<sup>th</sup> - Catechetical Sunday 9 AM Mass - Commissioning of Catechists Ceremony  
17<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15- 11:30 AM  
**Parent Orientation Meeting (in downstairs Classroom)  
10:45-11:30 AM**  
24<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM\*  
**\*Hospitality in parish hall provided by Religious Education**

### OCTOBER 2017

1<sup>st</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM  
8<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM  
15<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM\*  
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29<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30AM

### NOVEMBER 2017

5<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM  
12<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM  
19<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM  
26<sup>th</sup> - **No Class - Thanksgiving Day weekend\***  
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### DECEMBER 2017

3<sup>rd</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM  
10<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM - Christmas Art Project  
17<sup>th</sup> - **No Class - Christmas Vacation**  
24<sup>th</sup> - **No Class - Christmas Eve\***  
**\*Hospitality in parish hall provided by Religious Education**  
31<sup>st</sup> - **No Class - Christmas Vacation**

### JANUARY 2018

7<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM  
14<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM  
21<sup>st</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM  
28<sup>th</sup> - Class 10:15 - 11:30 AM\*  
**\*Hospitality in parish hall provided by Religious Education**

## ***Youth Religious Education***

**Fr. Paul E. Vigil**

**Pastor**

**Lena Randle**

**School Principal**

### **CATECHISTS:**

**Barbara LaBrier**

**Children's Liturgy**

**Nicole Bosley**

**Pre K & Kindergarten**

**Brenda Stevenson**

**Sacrament 1**

**Carmen Martin**

**Sacrament 2**

**Sherley Rios**

**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 Lucia stluciovf@gmail.com or  
Manette stcmanetterf@gmail.com - 310-474-1216**

## 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** Lucia or Manette (stluciavf@gmail.com or manetterf@gmail.com) 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: