

Is your child ready for sacraments?

Our Approach to Sacrament Preparation

We welcome your family into the next phase of your child's spiritual journey of faith development. Our Sacramental Preparation sessions are geared toward children who are actively involved in becoming a disciple of Christ while participating in our Faith Formation programs.

We here at St. Mark are happy and honored to come alongside your family to help you prepare your child for the reception of Sacraments.

In order to accompany your family in this next step of your child's formation, we will be conducting a *Sacrament Readiness Intake Meeting* with both you and your child. Our goal is to determine where your child is on their faith journey and what faith session(s) will be a good fit to prepare them for this next part of their journey.

In this conversation, we are looking and listening for indicators that your child is developing into a disciple of Christ in order to enter into our Sacramental Preparation sessions. We will be listening to understand if your child knows God is, has a relationship with Jesus, attends Mass weekly, is familiar with Bible stories and has an active prayer life at an age appropriate level.

If your child is showing these indicators in their faith life, then they are probably ready to join our Sacramental Preparation sessions. Throughout the course of the sessions parent involvement is expected. Parent involvement will look different depending on your child's age and where they are on their faith journey.

If your child needs more time to grow into this phase of faith development, you may choose to attend our Evangelization sessions with your child to help them prepare to enter into the Sacramental Preparation phase of their faith journey. If this does not fit into your family life at this time, you are welcome to delay your child's sacramental preparation until a later time.

We are always available to visit again with you and your child to determine where your child is on their faith journey and to place them in the faith formation session(s) that best meets their needs next. Their progress depends on many factors, the greatest of which is how the faith is being lived in your family life. This can be an overwhelming and daunting task and we are here to support you! We understand that spiritual growth is based on the individual and your child's journey may not happen at the same pace as another child. We are here to walk with you and your child through their spiritual faith journey as we become Disciples of Christ! We want you and your child to join us through initiation into the Catholic Church and celebrate Him with us!

See the back for details on how to begin the process of enrolling your child for sacrament preparation.

In Christ,

St. Mark Faith Formation Department

Deacon Joe Standridge, Andrea Woolums, Roel Garza, Brad Horn, Dan Heredia and Carina Nejtek

First Reconciliation & Communion:

1. Meet these criteria:
 - a. **Must be baptized in the Catholic faith**
 - b. At least 7 years old & in at least 2nd grade
 - c. Enrolled in concurrent grade level Faith Formation classes at St. Mark
2. Sign up for a Sacrament Readiness Intake Meeting by visiting www.tinyurl.com/stmarkmeetings19. Please bring your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate and the \$20 sacrament preparation fee to the meeting.
3. At the meeting you will indicate your choice of Sacrament Preparation. Choose your Sacrament Preparation Option from the table below. Parents are expected to attend classes or meetings as indicated.

Questions? Contact Dan Heredia @ 940-230-2967 or dheredia@stmarkdenton.org

Option 1 – Parent & Child Class First Communion May of 2020 Time Frame: September 2019-May 2020 Frequency: Twice a month Time: Sundays from 2:15-3:30pm	Option 2 – Parent & Child Class First Communion May of 2020 Time Frame: January 2019-May 2020 Frequency: Weekly Time: Sundays from 2:15-3:30pm OR Wednesdays from 6:35-7:50 pm
Option 3- Parent Taught at home with Parent Meetings – First Communion May 2020 Time Frame: September 2019-May 2020 Frequency: Your choice Time: Your choice	Option 4 _ Parent and Child Class First Communion August of 2020* Time Frame: 7/27/20-8/7/20 Frequency: Daily Time: Monday-Friday from 9:00-10:30am

Confirmation:

1. Meet these criteria:
 - a. Must be at least 15 years old by April 1, 2020
 - b. Must be baptized and have received First Communion.
2. Sign up for a Sacrament Readiness intake Meeting by visiting www.tinyurl.com/stmarkteenmeetings19
Please bring your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, First Communion certificate and the \$140 retreat fee to the meeting.
3. Parent is expected to attend classes when requested.

Questions? Contact Brad Horn @ 940-222-6703 or bhorn@stmarkdenton.org

For children over age 7 who need baptism or are baptized in another faith

1. Meet these criteria:
 - a. Must be over age 7
2. Sign up for a Sacrament Readiness Intake Meeting by visiting www.tinyurl.com/stmarkmeetings19. Please bring your child's birth certificate to the meeting. A Sacrament Preparation Fee of \$20 may also apply.

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If your child needs baptism and is under age 7, please call Elsa Vasquez at (940)387-6223 to schedule a baptism.