



Mary Queen Elementary CCE Handbook

4 years old through Grade Six

2017-2018 School Year

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Parish Mission Statement

Our Mary Queen community, inspired by faith and love, will live, worship, teach, welcome, and support one another in the imitation of Christ.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. The fundamental tasks of catechesis are:

Promoting knowledge of the faith

Who has encountered Christ desires to know him as much as possible, as well as to know the plan of the Father which he revealed. Knowledge of the faith (fides quae) is required by adherence to the faith (fides qua). Even in the human order the love which one person has for another causes that person to wish to know the other all the more. Catechesis, must, therefore, lead to the “gradual grasping of the whole truth about the divine plan,” by introducing the disciples of Jesus to a knowledge of Tradition and of Scripture, which is “the sublime science of Christ.” By deepening of the faith, catechesis nourishes not only the life of faith but equips it to explain itself to the world. The meaning of the creed, which is a compendium of Scripture and of the faith of the Church, is the realization of this task.

Liturgical education

Christ is always present in his Church, especially in “liturgical celebrations.” Communion with Jesus Christ leads to the celebration of the salvific presence in the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist. The Church ardently desires that all the Christian faithful be brought to that full, conscious and active participation which is required by the very nature of the liturgy and the dignity of the baptismal priesthood. For this reason, catechesis, along with promoting a knowledge of the meaning of liturgy and sacraments, must also educate the disciples of Jesus Christ “for prayer, for thanksgiving, for repentance, for praying with confidence, for community spirit, for understanding correctly the meaning of the creeds...,” as all of this is necessary for a true liturgical life.

Moral formation

Conversion to Jesus Christ implies walking in his footsteps. Catechesis, must, therefore transmit to the disciples the attitudes of the Master himself. The disciples thus undertake a journey of interior transformation, in which, by participating in the paschal mystery of the Lord, “they pass from the old man to the new man

who has been made perfect in Christ.” The Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus takes up the Decalogue, and impresses upon it the spirit of the beatitudes, is an indispensable point of reference for the moral formation which is most necessary today. Evangelization which “involves the proclamation and presentation of morality,” displays all the force of its appeal where it offers not only the proclaimed word but the lived word too. The moral testimony, which is prepared for by catechesis, must always demonstrate the social consequences of the demands of the Gospel.

Teaching to pray

Communion with Jesus Christ leads the disciples to assume the attitude of prayer and contemplation which the Master himself had. To learn to pray with Jesus is to pray with the same sentiments with which he turned to the Father: adoration, praise, thanksgiving, filial confidence, supplication and awe for his glory. All of these sentiments are reflected in the Our Father, the prayer which Jesus taught his disciples and which is the model of all Christian prayer. The “handing on of the Our Father” is a summary of the entire Gospel and is therefore a true act of catechesis. When catechesis is permeated by a climate of prayer, the assimilation of the entire Christian life reaches its summit...

Other Fundamental Tasks of Catechesis

Catechesis prepares the Christian to live in community and to participate actively in the life and mission of the Church...

Education for Community Life

Christian community life is not realized spontaneously. It is necessary to educate it carefully. In this apprenticeship, the teaching of Christ on community life, recounted in the Gospel of St. Matthew, calls for attitudes which it is for catechesis to inculcate: the spirit of simplicity and humility...; solicitude for the least among the brethren...; particular care for those who are alienated...; fraternal correction...; common prayer...; mutual forgiveness... Fraternal love embraces all these attitudes...

Missionary Initiation

Catechesis is also open to the missionary dimension. This seeks to equip the disciples of Jesus to be present as Christians in society through their professional, cultural and social lives. ...The evangelical attitudes which Jesus taught his disciples when he sent them on mission are precisely those which catechesis must nourish: to seek out the lost sheep, proclaim and heal at the same time, to be poor, without money or knapsack; to know how to accept rejection and persecution; to place one's trust in the

Father and in the support of the Holy Spirit; to expect no other reward than the joy of working for the Kingdom.

Congregation for Clergy, 1997
Center for Ministry Development

- B. Communication:** Contact the Director of Elementary Faith Formation for inquiries concerning the CCE program, curriculum, or sacrament preparation. For registration information, scheduling, attendance records, and general CCE information, contact the CCE Administrator. See page 2 for contact numbers. Communication is made in the following manner: Parents will watch for reminder notes in the parish bulletin, and those delivered by e-mails or flyers sent home with the students. All e-mail and telephone communications made by the parish or by catechists will conform to the Archdiocesan confidentiality policy. See the section on Safe Environment Program for further details.

Websites: Parents/Guardians and students are encouraged to visit Mary Queen’s website: www.maryqueenchurch.org, which contains helpful information about each of our CCE programs upcoming events, workshops, calendars and volunteer opportunities.

- C. Curriculum:** Our program for students 3 years old to Grade Six follows the *Catechetical Framework for Lifelong Catechesis* of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and the *Catechesis for Children and Adolescents* as directed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Textbooks are chosen from the *Conformity Listing of Catechetical Texts and Series* set forth by the Bishops’ Committee on the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Publications used for catechesis are: RCL Benziger’s Stories of God’s Love for 4 year olds, and Kindergarten; and Loyola Press’ Finding God for grades one to six. Each curriculum encompasses the six tasks of catechesis in the *General Directory of Catechesis*, which are to promote: knowledge of the faith; liturgical education; moral formation; teaching to pray; education for community life; and missionary initiation.

- D. Safe Environment Program:** Catechists and assistants will provide a loving and safe Christian atmosphere in the classroom so that children are able to learn and recognize that they are children of God. All catechists, aides, and support volunteers have completed VIRTUS training as required by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and Mary Queen Parish.

VIRTUS is a safe environment program implemented by the Archdiocese for every adult over the age of 18 that has regular and on-going contact with children, including all CCE programs, socials, events, and activities. Adults must 1) attend one 3-hour VIRTUS workshop, 2) submit to a criminal background check for approval, 3) agree to the archdiocesan Code of Conduct, and 4) complete an application and provide references *before becoming active as a volunteer*. It is highly recommended that every parent and caring adult parishioner complete this process for the protection of all children and youth. For an overview of the program, and to register, go to www.virtusonline.org.

Circle of Grace is a safe environment program to teach children and youth in Kindergarten to Grade Twelve their profound dignity and worth in God, and to be aware of the grace with which He surrounds them. One to four annual lessons per grade are taught in the classroom setting before June 30th. Parents are to be given an opportunity to view the materials in advance at a required parent orientation. Parents will 1) learn what they can do for their child, 2) discuss parental options for implementation of the program, and 3) preview the Circle of Grace K-6 lesson plans. Note: Non-attendance at this required parent orientation will be accepted as parental approval of the program. No further notice will be given. Parents participating in Home-Based Catechesis will also receive the lesson(s) in their packets. Parent may choose not to participate in the Circle of Grace lessons by writing a letter to opt out and submitting it to the CCE Office by December 31st.

- E. Home-Based Catechesis:** Parents who wish to teach religion at home are encouraged to do so under the direction of the Pastor, the master catechist of the parish, and in cooperation with his parish school of religion (CCE).

Parents teaching religion *as part of a comprehensive home school curriculum* are not required to register in CCE, or use a CCE-issued textbook, unless it is a sacrament year. All children preparing for sacraments do so through a parish sacrament program (see section III, A). Home-based catechetical materials should be chosen from the *Conformity Listing of Catechetical Texts and Series provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on September, 28, 2017*.

Parents who teach religion at home *as an alternative to attending CCE classes* will register and pay the fee to obtain home study materials and have the work recorded in the office.

There is a brief parent orientation October 8th, 10:45-11:15 a.m., in Room 114/115. Parents receive a *Family Learning Guide*, the student textbook(s), and a calendar with the suggested schedule of lessons. Quarterly meetings give parents the opportunity to meet other home-based parents, receive information about parish family events, and to turn in completed lessons for credit. Final work is to be turned in at the final parent meeting in May. Student exit interviews in June finish out the year, and are made by appointment.

- F. Special Education:** Students with disabilities are rightfully welcomed in faith formation. Please indicate on the registration form any accommodations that might be made for the child to enrich his /her experience. Since many of our catechists and aides do not have training in special needs, children are incorporated into the CCE classes with the help of special buddies. Whenever a volunteer buddy is not available, it may be necessary for a parent or another adult to assist in the classroom until a routine is developed. For children not able to attend a typical classroom setting, then a "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" Atrium is available on CCE Sunday mornings to provide individualized catechesis (as space permits).

II. PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- A. Admission Policies:** Tuition cost for parishioners is \$55.00 per student with a family maximum of \$165.00. Tuition for non-parishioners is \$85.00 per student, and a family maximum of \$255.00. Late fees will apply after August 15, unless transferring from another parish with a letter of prior attendance. Mary Queen pastoral policy recognizes that each student has the right to Catholic formation and guarantees each student enrollment in the CCE program regardless of financial limitations. No student will be denied due to financial limitations. See the CCE Administrator for more information.

Pre-K Students: All students entering the program must be at least 4 years old by September 1st.

Kindergarten Students: All students entering the Kindergarten program must be 5 years old by September 1st.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist: Students must be entering second grade or older to participate in this sacrament preparation with the previous year attendance in Catholic education.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children: Children who are not baptized* before the age of reason (age 7), are invited to join the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults adapted for Children*. This process helps school-aged children to learn more about the Catholic faith, and when appropriate, to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. Parents with children interested in becoming Catholic should contact the CCE Office. **This process is also recommended for children baptized into another faith and/or without any prior faith formation.*

- B. Registration:** Early registration is offered at the end of each school year. A reminder letter will be communicated to parents /guardians in late July. Open registration is held the remainder of the year, as space permits.
- When filling out the CCE registration, mark the grade your child will be ENTERING in the FALL, as well as the sacraments he/she has received.
 - Parents will be provided with a copy of the *CCE AND YOUTH MINISTRY POLICIES AND GUIDELINES*. Parents must read these policies and guidelines carefully and discuss them with their children. A parent or legal guardian acknowledges acceptance of these policies and guidelines by submitting the signed *PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM* with the registration form.
 - TO ENSURE PLACEMENT, EACH REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE ACCURATELY COMPLETED and SUBMITTED WITH A SIGNED PARENT /GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM AND PAYMENT. LATE OR INCOMPLETE REGISTRATION FORMS WILL DELAY OR PREVENT PLACEMENT IN THE REQUESTED CLASS.
 - Deliver forms to the CCE Office with the required payment or receipt of payment through Faith Direct.
 - Register early to get the best choice of session days & times.
 - Every effort will be made to honor special requests for placement with friends or catechists before the class rosters are finalized. Otherwise, placement is determined by the CCE Office.
 - Phone numbers and e-mail addresses of students are given to catechists and aides, and used only for CCE communications in conformity with Archdiocesan policies.
- C. Grade and Session Times:** CCE classes are located in the Family Life Center. Classes are 85-minutes long except for preschool classes on Sunday morning, which are the length of the Mass. Class times are as follows:

Sunday Pre-K4 and Kind	Tuesday K thru Fifth, & Sixth	Wednesday K thru Fifth
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. during Mass time	4:00 p.m. (Gr. K-5)	4:00 p.m. (K-5)
Sunday, 11:30 a.m. during Mass time	7:00 p.m. (Gr. 1-6) (No Kindergarten)	5:30 p.m. (K-5)

- D. Class Assignments:** All class assignments are posted in the main hall of the Family Life Center at least one week before classes begin and through the first few weeks of CCE.
- E. Attendance Policy:** Regular attendance in CCE is an important factor in helping your child deepen his /her relationship with Jesus Christ, and gain an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church, Scripture, creed, prayer, and morality. Special circumstances that may impede regular attendance should be discussed the Director of Elementary Faith Formation.
- F. Missed Classes:** If your child should miss three or more classes in a row, please contact the Director of Elementary Faith Formation. A child could be dropped from the roster after three consecutive, unexplained absences to make room for children on the waiting list. Every attempt will be made to contact the parent before a child is dropped. No refund will be given for students dropped due to absences.
- G. Pick-up/ Drop Off:** A PARENT MUST NOTIFY THE CCE OFFICE IF THERE IS ANYONE WHO SHOULD NOT PICK UP A CHILD. A color-coded parent card is required to enter the building or whenever picking up children. Cards are given out at the parent orientations.

Before dropping off children: Be sure classes are in session, and there is an adult staff member or volunteer responsible for receiving them.

Pre-K to third grade must be escorted into and out of the building by an adult with a color-coded session pass. Older students may be dropped off /picked up under the covered area.

Children exiting the single door going out to the parking lot MUST have a parent or other adult accompanying them. DO NOT ask children to exit this door to meet you in the parking lot.

- H. Arrival and Departure:** All vehicles enter by Queens (see back cover). Do not drop off or pick up children in the front areas.

Form two lanes for drop off /pick up under the covered area. For the safety of the children and others, use extreme caution when driving through the drop off /pick-up area. Park only in designated parking spaces. Do not park in the drop off /pick-up lanes.

Please take preschoolers to the restroom before class begins.

SUNDAY: Parents are to escort children to and from the classroom. A color-coded session pass is required for pick up. Students in grades four and older may arrive and depart on their own, unless written restrictions are given to the CCE Office by a parent.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY: Students in Kind-Gr. 5 gather in the Mini Hall for opening prayer. Children in third grade and younger are dismissed only to a parent or parent-designee with a color-coded session card unless written instructions otherwise are given to the catechist or CCE Office. Students in Grade 4-6 are dismissed from the classroom, and can meet a parent in the drop-off and pick up line.

Arriving late is discouraged. Children arriving late more than 15 minutes may not be given credit for attendance.

IF PICKING UP A CHILD BEFORE THE END OF CLASS, GO TO THE CCE OFFICE, NOT THE CLASSROOM.

- I. Emergency Cancellations:** If FISD, CCISD and PISD cancel classes due to inclement weather, CCE will also cancel. If you have any questions, please contact your catechist or aide who will receive this information first from the CCE Office. Use your best judgment whether or not to come to CCE in a potentially dangerous situation (flood, hail, icy roads, etc.)

III. SACRAMENT PREPARATION

- A. First Reconciliation and First Eucharist:** Preparation is during the school year for baptized students in grades 2-6 who have completed the previous year in Catholic School, CCE, or approved Home-Based Catechesis with a minimum of 70% completion. Attendance must be maintained in the year of preparation. All students in sacrament preparation should have a CCE registration on file in the CCE Office for administrative purposes and for communication. Parents are to submit a baptismal certificate with the registration. *If baptized at Mary Queen Church*, please provide the month/year of the baptism for verification with the registration.
- B. Sacrament Preparation Parent Requirements:** A sacrament schedule is provided prior to and during the parent orientations. Reminders are emailed and/or mailed to parents whenever possible, but it is the responsibility of the parent to be aware of the schedule. At least one parent or guardian is required to attend the orientation, classes and retreat with the child for each sacrament. Parents attending the orientations in the previous two years are not required to attend again, but must make arrangements to be excused with the Director of Religious Education and to pick up the materials.
- C. Summer Sacrament Preparation:** A baptized student entering at least third grade is eligible to prepare for First Reconciliation and Eucharist during the summer, *provided that* he/she has completed the previous two years of Catholic religious education with 70% attendance or better in both years. A letter of invitation will be mailed to parents of eligible students by April 30th. If a sufficient number of families (20 or more) request the program by the deadline mentioned in the letter, the classes will be offered. At least one parent is required to attend classes with the child. Since this is a summer intensive, absences could cause the child to be removed from the summer program, and placed back into the regular school year program. Summer classes meet every Thursday, 6:45-8:00 p.m., June-August, except holidays.
- D. Sacrament Readiness:** One-on-one readiness interviews with the children are given before First Reconciliation and First Eucharist to check for comprehension and competency. Students must bring their completed textbooks to the readiness

interviews. Children are recommended for a sacrament once the lessons are complete and readiness interview has been passed.

- E. Missed Sessions:** If the mandatory parent orientation is missed, it must be made up. One make-up orientation will be offered. Otherwise, preparation for the sacrament will be postponed until the next start date.
- F. Scheduling Concerns:** If there is a conflict regarding the reception of the sacraments for a minor child, the wishes of the Catholic parent with the most involvement in registering and attending Mass and CCE classes with the child will be given preferential option.

IV. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

- A. Parents:** Parents are encouraged to be involved in their child's faith formation by attending Mass together each week, praying together at home, bringing the child regularly to CCE, discussing what is taught in class, completing homework assignments, and maintaining communication with the catechist.
- B. Students:** Students are to behave in a Christian manner at all times, and to be respectful and cooperative with youth and adults assisting in the program. They should be on time, and actively participating in classroom discussions and activities.
 - **Dress Code:** We follow school dress codes. For more information, visit <http://www.fisd12.net>. Appropriate school or church clothes should be worn. Parents will be asked to pick up students who are out of dress code.
 - **Electronic devices:** Parents may reach their children in an emergency by calling 281-482-1391 ext.328 or ext. 333. Cell phones and other electronic devices are not to be used by students during class. A CCE staff member or other authorized adult volunteer will take possession of devices that interfere with learning or discipline. A confiscated device will only be released to a parent or guardian.
 - **Room Use:** No food (including gum) or drink is permitted in the classroom wing of the Parish Life Center without permission.
 - **Code of Conduct:** Students will follow classroom rules, respect others and their personal property, and respect and care for the church's property, textbooks, materials, etc.

- C. Discipline and Problem Solving:** There is an expectation that students will share in the faith lessons and activities prepared for them by the catechists, to the best of their abilities. If a student's behavior repeatedly disrupts a class or shows inappropriate behavior, or there is a pattern of disruption, the following steps will be taken.

Disciplinary Procedures:

1st warning – verbal warning

2nd warning – redirect or time out determined by the catechist

3rd warning – sent to CCE Office to make a discipline plan*

4th warning – parental contact with possible in-class parental supervision**

5th warning – removal of the student to home study***

*The student must work out a plan with the director to be allowed back into the classroom. This may include a written apology and acknowledgement of what the appropriate behavior should have been.

** A parent is contacted, and when necessary may be called upon to supervise the child during the remaining classes

***If a child is moved to home study, no refund of fees will be given.

Hitting, biting, scratching, spitting and other acts of physical aggression cannot be tolerated. Parents will be called immediately to pick up the child. A two session suspension will be imposed for each incident.

V. RIGHT TO AMEND

Mary Queen Catholic Church CCE Program reserves the right to amend this handbook as necessary. Parents will be notified in writing if changes are made to any procedures or information contained in this handbook before the end of the school year.

VI. PRAYER

Guidelines for Prayer

Catechetical Framework for Lifelong Faith Formation Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, 2013

- Pre-K 3 & 4 Sign of the Cross, Grace Before and After Meals.
- Kindergarten In addition to the items above: Morning and Evening Prayers, and the Guardian Angel Prayer.
- Grade One In addition to the items above: The Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.
- Grade Two In addition to the items above: Act of Contrition and Assembly's Mass Responses during Mass.
- Grade Three In addition to the items above: Nicene Creed, Fatima Prayer, and Hail Holy Queen
- Grade Four In addition to the items above: The Ten Commandments, Apostle's Creed, Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy, Beatitudes, and Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.
- Grade Five In addition to the items above: Luminous and Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, Act of Faith, The Seven Sacraments, Holy Days of Obligation, and Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (Shema).
- Sixth Grade In addition to the items above: Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, Act of Hope, Act of Love, Precepts of the Church, Stations of the Cross, Sanctus, Mysterium Fidei, Agnus Dei.

Prayers to Be Learned

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts
which we are about to receive, from thy bounty.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace After Meals

We give thee thanks, almighty God, for these and all your gifts which we
have received through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Morning Prayer

O my God, I offer you this day, all I do and think and say. In union with
what was done on earth by Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

Evening Prayer

God, our Father, this day is done. We ask you and Jesus Christ, your Son,
that with the Spirit, our welcome guest, you guard our sleep and bless our
rest. Amen.

Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among
women and blessed is the fruit of thy (your) womb, Jesus. Holy Mary,
Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Act of Contrition

O my God,
I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee,
and I detest all my sins
because of thy just punishments,
but most of all because they offend Thee, my God,
who art all good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace
to sin no more
and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen

Assembly's Responses & Acclamations during Mass

Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria, Response to the Biblical Readings, Prayer with the Priest over the Offerings, Preface Dialogue, Preface Acclamation, Mystery of Faith, Litany at the Fraction Rite, Act of Humility and Sending.

Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed
I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy. Amen.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee we send up our
sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most
gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O
sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Ten Commandments *Deuteronomy 5:6-21*

1. I am the Lord, your God. You shall not have other gods besides me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the sabbath day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(bow) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
(bow) and born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day, he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

1. Feed the hungry.
2. Give drink to the thirsty.
3. Clothe the naked.
4. Shelter the homeless.
5. Visit the sick.
6. Visit the imprisoned.
7. Bury the dead.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

1. Counsel the doubtful.
2. Instruct the ignorant.
3. Admonish sinners.
4. Comfort the afflicted.
5. Forgive offenses.
6. Bear wrongs patiently.
7. Pray for the living and the dead.

The Beatitudes *Matthew 5:3-10*

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart: for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Act of Faith

O my God, I believe that you are one God in three divine persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe these, and all the truths that the holy Catholic Church teaches, because you have revealed them, who cannot deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

Act of Hope

O my God, relying on your almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon for my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Act of Love

O my God, I love you above all things with my whole heart and soul, because you are all-good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for love of you. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen

The Seven Sacraments

Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist (Initiation)
Penance and Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick (Healing)
Matrimony and Holy Orders (Vocation /Service)

Holy Days of Obligation (United States observances)

Every Sunday
January 1 - Mary, Mother of God
Seventh Sunday of Easter - Ascension observed
August 15 - Assumption
November 1 - All Saints -
December 8 - Immaculate Conception
December 25 - Christmas

Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-5) The Great Commandment

Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone!
Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength.

The Precepts of the Church

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from labor.
2. You shall confess your [serious] sins at least once a year.
3. You shall receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season [if not in a state of serious sin.]
4. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.

Stations of the Cross

1. Jesus is condemned to death
2. Jesus carries his cross
3. Jesus falls the first time
4. Jesus meets his mother
5. Simon the Cyrene helps Jesus carry his cross
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
7. Jesus falls the second time
8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
9. Jesus falls a third time
10. Jesus is stripped of his clothes
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross

12. Jesus dies on the cross
13. Jesus' body is taken down from the cross
14. Jesus is laid in the tomb

Latin Mass Responses

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis

Mysterium Fidei (Mystery of Faith)

Common: "We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again."

Mortem tuam annuntiámus, Dómine,
et tuam resurrectionem confitémur, donec vébias.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Agnus Dei,
quitollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
quitollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
quitollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Amen.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

O Sacrament most holy! O Sacrament divine! All praise and all thanksgiving,
be every moment thine!

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my soul. I embrace you as if you are already here, and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, Lord, and they shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth.

MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Apostles Creed (on the Crucifix)

1 Our Father

3 Hail Marys

(for an increase in Faith, Hope and Love)

1 Glory Be

(before each Mystery begins)



1 Our Father and 10 Hail Marys for each Mystery

The Joyful Mysteries

(Mondays and Saturdays)

1. The Annunciation (humility)
2. The Visitation (charity)
3. The Nativity (poverty)
4. The Presentation (obedience)
5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple (piety)

The Luminous Mysteries (Mysteries of Light)

(Thursdays)

1. The Baptism of Jesus (commitment)
2. The Wedding Feast of Cana (fidelity)
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom, (conversion)
4. The Transfiguration (promise)
5. The Institution of the Eucharist (grace)

The Sorrowful Mysteries

(Tuesdays and Fridays)

1. The Agony in the Garden (repentance)
2. The Scourging at the Pillar (purity)
3. The Crowning with Thorns (courage)
4. The Carrying of the Cross (patience)
5. The Crucifixion (dying to self)

The Glorious Mysteries

(Wednesdays and Sundays)

1. The Resurrection (faith)
2. The Ascension (hope)
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit (love)
4. The Assumption (eternal happiness)
5. The Coronation of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth (Marian devotion)

Fatima Prayer

(Recited after each Glory Be, and before each mystery begins)

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy. Amen.

Hail, Holy Queen

(Recited at the end of the Rosary)

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

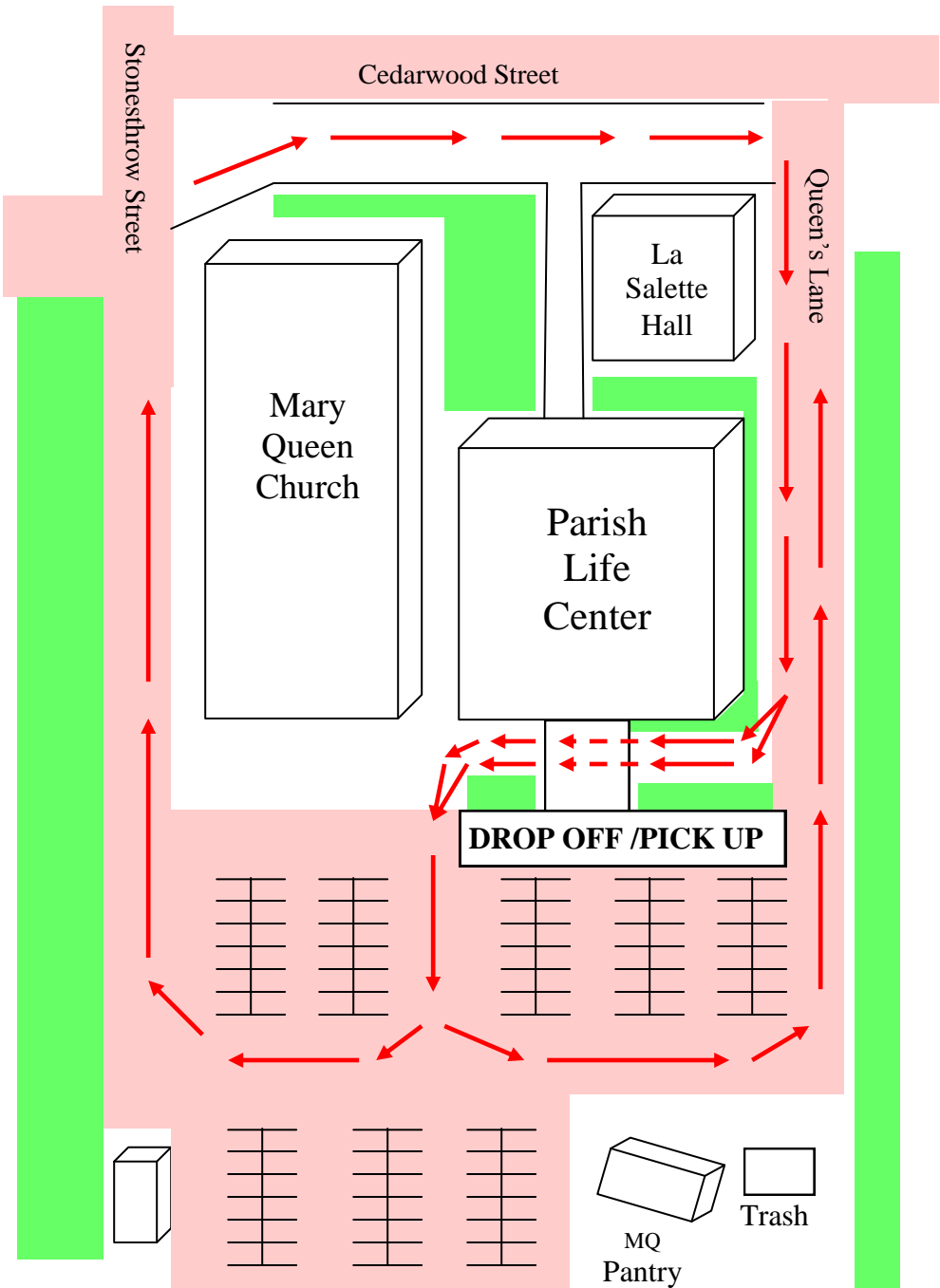
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, whose only begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that by meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to Our Lady

Dear Mother; at La Salette you wept for me- for all of us. Your apparition vividly speaks to me of your care and concern. You invite me to mend my ways, to deepen my faith, to reconcile myself with your Son and with my brothers and sisters. Whenever I feel that no one cares, I just have to turn to your apparition at La Salette to know that you are by my side. When you asked Maximin if he had ever seen spoiled wheat, he replied that he had not. You reminded him of an event that took place in his life many years prior. Although invisible, you were with him. Mother, be present to me. Be always by my side, guiding and leading me to your Son. Give me an open heart to answer your tears and appeals.



CCE PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY TRAFFIC FLOW

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