

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
Religious Education & Youth Ministry
Parent Handbook



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Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday 12:05 pm

Saturday 4:00 pm

Saturday 6:00 pm Spanish

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month after 12:05 pm Mass.

This sacrament is for anyone who needs physical or emotional healing.

Adoration

Wednesday 12:45 pm – 5:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 11:00 am – 11:45 am

Saturday 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

Registration

Registration is open to all students from Pre-K (3 years old) through high school. All students must have a completed registration form on file before attending class or youth ministry. Forms are available online www.ollmlb.org or in Ministries Building 1626 Oak Street, Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Volunteers

We welcome and need many youth and adult volunteers. Volunteers 15 years and older require safe environment video training and fingerprinting through the Diocese of Orlando. To get started as a volunteer, please contact Patty Taylor or Shaina Silliker at (321) 723-3636.

Mass

The celebration of the Mass is at the heart of our faith. Attendance at Mass is even more important than religious education class or youth ministry. The child's spiritual health is nourished by their participation. For the smaller children, try to sit close to the altar or aisle where your child's sight is not hindered. If Mass is important to you, it will be important to your child too.

Youth Ministry

OLL Youth Ministry provides a safe, fun place for youth to gather and focus on their relationship with God, Scripture and community.

Location: The Grotto, 1808 Hickory Street

Middle School Youth Ministry – Grades 6 through Grade 8
Wednesday 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

High School Youth Ministry - Sunday: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Religious Education Classes – PreK3 through Grade 8

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes School, 423 Fee Avenue
Sunday 9:15 am – 10:15 am

Attendance

Especially in the predominately secular world today, the opportunity for your child to be among their peers in a Catholic faith formation program is precious and invaluable. We urge you to make regular attendance an important part of your family schedule. Students are to be signed-in and signed-out of the classroom by their parents or guardian. For their safety, students are not allowed in the classroom without the teacher.

Restrooms

Restrooms will be open during class times. For safety reasons, the younger children will not be permitted to use the facilities unless accompanied by an assistant or the teacher. Children should use the facilities at home or before class to limit the time that students are out of the classroom.

Discipline

Teachers and staff will not tolerate rude or disruptive behavior in their classrooms or in the church. Your child will be warned once and if the behavior does not improve, the parent or guardian will be notified. It may be necessary for a parent/guardian to attend class with his/her child to ensure compliance with rules.

Curriculum

In addition to the particular focus of each year, all grades celebrate the seasons of the liturgical calendar throughout the year. Students are expected to gain an understanding of the concepts required at each grade level before progressing to the next level.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) – Level 1 (3 – 6 year old)

CGS is a Montessori faith formation process which allows your child to experience God through hands-on presentations of scripture, liturgy and the sacraments. The classroom is a prayerful, sacred place called an Atrium where children are invited to work independently.

Kindergarten

Children are welcomed into God's World. They will recognize that God made us, the world and everything in it. Children will learn about the Holy Family, Catholic traditions, holidays and prayers.

Grade 1

Reinforces the concepts that God made the world and everything in it and provide students with a clear introduction to Jesus. Along with many other concepts, the children will learn about Jesus as our friend, teacher, Son of God and the Blessed Mother Mary.

Grade 2

Review and reinforcement of the concepts in the previous year and prepare to celebrate First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Children along with their parents/guardian attend sacramental preparation classes in addition to religious education class. Please see separate calendar of meeting dates for these sacraments.

Grade 3

The curriculum introduces the student to The Church – they will identify Church, recall the story of Jesus and His disciples. Children will identify the Holy Spirit and His work in the Church.

Grade 4

This year is primarily moralistic. It is through this course of this year when students will be expected to learn and practice the rules we all live by. The main focus is the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes.

Grade 5

The focus of this year is the Sacraments of the Church. The students will be expected to name the sacraments and understand what they mean, identify Sacraments of Initiation, Service and Healing.

Grade 6

The sixth year focus is the Old Testament. It is a time when students become serious students of the Word of God. The student will explain the revelation and guidance of the Holy Spirit; recognize books of the Bible and learn about the symbols and the people.

Grade 7

The seventh year focus is the New Testament and the Sacrament of Confirmation. The study of the four Gospels and our following Jesus both by word and example. They will study the parables of Jesus and the Paschal Mystery. Students will focus on their relationship with Jesus and strengthen their knowledge, faith, and sense of belonging to the Church. A weekend overnight Confirmation retreat is held each year prior to celebrating the sacrament.

Grade 8

The focus this year is on teen issues, Catholic faith, life, scripture and morality. This year strengthens teen's Catholic identity while rooting them firmly in Christ and the Church.

Circles of Grace – Safe Environment Program

This program guides parents/guardians in talking with their children about relationships at age-appropriate levels with an aim at preventing bullying and child abuse.

At least one parent/guardian must attend with their child or complete and opt-out form. Please see religious education calendar for your family's safe environment class date.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) – Catholic Summer Enrichment Program

We invite students entering kindergarten through Grade 5 to attend VBS for one week in July (8:30 am – 11:30 am). Each day the students take part in fun scripture-themed activities that help them connect their faith to real life. Many adult and youth volunteers (12 years and older) are needed to help make room decorations as well as leading the different stations: Games, Bible Adventures, Kid Vid, Imagination, as well as dancers, actors and actresses. Everyone who participates will be beautifully enriched in their faith! Please volunteer to make OLL VBS fun for everyone!