

CURRICULUM CALENDAR 2019-2020 Year 1

Date	Sessions	Topic/Description	Hr & Place
9/9/19	Monthly Session	<p>●Intro: What is Confirmation? Session #1 - We will see how this sacrament completes Christian Initiation and is necessary to deepen and complete the graces we received at Baptism. Through activities and icebreakers, the Sacrament of Confirmation is explained, and candidates are invited to prepare seriously for the Sacrament.</p>	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall
9/23/19	Monthly Session	<p>First Things Semester 1 Session #2 God's Existence: This semester on the 'First Things' establishes the foundational themes of Christianity. We will establish how we can be certain that God exists, and will give the principal sources of our knowledge of God. In this session, we will show how God's existence can be proven through reason and individual experience. We will see that not only does God exist, but He is all loving and He cares for each one personally.</p>	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall
10/5/19	Retreat	<p>●NET Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church.</p>	8am – 6pm in the Hall
10/7/19	Monthly Session	<p>First Things Semester 1 Session #3 The Meaning of Life: It can be accurately said that this class is a short course in Christian philosophy. In this session we will look at modern society in light of the Christian understanding of man. We will examine what our culture says the meaning of life is, and compare it with Catholic anthropology. We will see that man's purpose, according to the Church, is to know and love God. Our life on earth finds meaning when we enter into relationship with God and grow according to His plan for us.</p>	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall

10/21/19	Monthly Session	<p>First Things Semester 1 Session #4: A Catholic Understanding of God’s Word: In this session, we will clarify the Church’s understanding of God’s Word. For many Christians, ‘God’s Word’ refers exclusively to the Bible. We will see that the Church’s definition includes Scripture, Tradition and the magisterium (teaching authority) of the Church. This definition of God’s word will be more effective at safeguarding the message Christ originally intended for the Church</p> <p>• Empowering God’s Children & Young People Safety Program: The Los Angeles Archdiocese Office of Safeguard the Children, has developed a new “Empowering God’s Children” Safety Program for Religious Education Programs through the Archdiocese. This program is designed to help young people know they have the power to protect themselves from harmful or <i>threatening situations and to always aim to keep themselves safe and healthy.</i></p>	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall
11/17/19	Sponsor Session	<p>•Ritual of Promise: The Church through the parish community formally welcomes the candidates into the Confirmation Preparation Process</p>	5:00pm - in the Hall-continues 6:00pm Mass
11/18/19	Monthly Session	<p>First Things Semester 1 Session #5: Attributes of God: This session will examine the principal attributes of God, but will focus primarily upon His great love for us. The teens will be challenged to respond to this love and to overcome anything that is holding them back from experiencing His love, especially our own sin.</p>	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall
12/2/19	Monthly Session	<p>First Things Semester 1 Session #6: Faith: This session will introduce teens to faith. Faith, our response of obedience to God, is necessary for salvation. We will see how faith comes from Baptism, and how it helps us to give our lives over to Him even though we do not see Him clearly. We will invite the teens to take a step in growing in faith, allowing God to transform every part of their lives.</p>	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall

1/13/20	Monthly Session	<p>Old Testament Semester 1 Session #7: God's Plan of Salvation - Creation: In paragraph #282, the Catechism of the Catholic Church says very clearly that the catechesis on creation is of major importance. In order for us to understand Jesus' plan of salvation, we have to understand what went on from the beginning.</p> <p>This entire semester is designed to help the teens see what God did in order to prepare mankind for the coming of Christ. This session, meant for teens of all faiths and backgrounds, is meant to show how God created us to share His life with Him. Who we are as people, our dignity, our self-esteem, and how we act, is rooted in our being made in God's image and likeness.</p>	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall
1/19/20	Prolife Walk Retreat and Prolife Walk (Service Project- Optional)	<p>●We encourage families to participate in the Pro-Life Walk on Sunday 20th at the SM City Hall. Participants will walk to Planned Parenthood in the hopes to help shed some light on human dignity and most especially the dignity of children in the womb which very often do not have a voice to defend themselves. Some of our Parish Priests will be joining us in this walk. - This will count as a service project opportunity.</p>	Ceremony starts at 2:00pm - 110 E Cook St SM City Hall. Walk is to Planned Parenthood 415 E Chapel St.
1/25/20	Santa Barbara Youth Day	<p>●Santa Barbara Regional Youth Day - It is a day just for youth from many different backgrounds from throughout the Santa Barbara Pastoral Region to participate in a rally, liturgy and workshops focused just for them.</p>	Santa Maria St Joseph High School - TBA
2/3/20	Monthly Session -	<p>Old Testament Semester 2 Session #8: The Fall - Covenants: In this session, we will give the teens a brief overview of the Fall and Original Sin. We will be primarily focusing on temptation, how it works, and how we are to avoid the near occasion of sin. We will look closely at Genesis 2 and 3, helping the teens to know the Biblical narrative.</p>	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall
3/2/20	Monthly Session	<p>Old Testament Semester 2 Session #9: Abraham Covenants: In this session, we will continue our Salvation History theme by giving a brief overview on Noah's ark, and we will talk about Abraham as a model of faith in God. Abraham shows us how to wait on the Lord, trusting His will even in difficult times. We will see that trusting God will always be the best for us, helping us to receive true blessings and peace.</p>	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall

3/15/20	Sponsor Session	Ritual of Promise: Meditating on the communion of Saints- Choosing a heavenly sponsor	5:00pm - in the Hall-continues 6:00pm Mass
3/23/20	Monthly Session	Old Testament Semester 2 Session #10: Moses – Covenant: In this session, will highlight the importance of being a leader and witness to Christ. Just as Moses showed us how to lead others to Christ, we all have been called through our Baptism to lead others to God. We will examine some of the key characteristics of Moses' leadership, then allow the teens to make a decision to be used by Christ as an example and leader.	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall
3/28/20	Transformation Stations – Open to the Community	Self-guided Stations of the Cross: A self-guided multi-sensory experience of the stations of the cross that includes a scripture passage, brief meditation or activity and prayer.	In the Hall: Open to the community from 10am – 5pm.
3/29/20	Transformation Stations – Open to the Community	Self-guided Stations of the Cross: A self-guided multi-sensory experience of the stations of the cross that includes a scripture passage, brief meditation or activity and prayer.	In the Hall: Open to the community from 9am – 4pm.
4/6/20	Monthly Session	Old Testament Semester 2 Session #11: David– Covenants: For all his great military and spiritual battles, King David still sinned greatly against the Lord, having Uriah killed and committing adultery with his wife, Bathsheba. Based on 2 Samuel 11:1-12:25, this night will focus on repentance, and the importance of being humble, and of sharing God's mercy and forgiveness of others who have wronged you.	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall
5/4/20	Monthly Session	Old Testament Semester 2 Session #12: Jesus and the Old Testament: As we end this semester on the key people and themes of the Old Testament, we will attempt to connect the Old and New Testaments. The entire Old Testament points us to Jesus. Jesus is the hope of our lives, and the Old Testament is a road to that hope. This session looks at how the faithful in the Old Testament eagerly anticipated the coming of Jesus, and how we need to hope in Jesus. Hope is complete trust that Jesus is in charge of the future of our lives, in good and bad times, and that in the end He will be victorious.	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall

