

Parent News

November 2022

St. Robert Religious Education
for school & after school atrium classes
Grades PK-6th



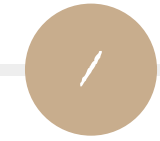
Falling in love with Jesus...

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Growing at Home

The Holy Bible



Reading Scripture with your Children:

As a family, how can you read the Holy Bible together? The Holy Bible contains God's hopes for us, his love for us, his calling us into relationship with himself, and the story of sacred history. Even if your child is unable to read yet, have your family's Holy Bible in a prominent and accessible place in your home (ideally your prayer table). Introduce the Holy Bible as "God's Words for us." Treat it reverently and carefully. Model for your children how precious this book is. You can begin to read scripture together by just taking a few verses of a Psalm or a few verses from the Gospels. Slowly read the words that God has for us. After reading the verses, ask a wondering, open-ended question about the verse. For example, ask, "Who is the Light?" and "I wonder how Light makes us feel?" Remember, you are reading Scripture together...listening together to the Word of God so be open to God speaking to you as well as your children.

These are some verses to begin with:

- John 8:12 "Jesus said, 'I am the Light of the world.'"
- Psalm 8:1
- Mark 10:14
- Psalm 67:1



The Level One Atrium

Ages three years through six years
(PK through Kindergarten)

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Growing...

Epiclesis...

This is a fun, new, Greek word for the children. **Epiclesis** is a gesture done by the priest at Mass. He lowers his hands over the bread and the wine, asking God the Father to send the Holy Spirit to transform the gifts of bread and wine into the greatest gift - Jesus.

This gesture is a way for the young child to enter with joy and wonder into the Mass. The priest does this gesture for us, but the prayer is for all of us. The Church calls us to be full, active participants at Mass. Learning this gesture helps the child to enter more fully into the celebration and prayer of the Mass.

The Church Tour...

We have learned altar work in the atrium, now we will go see the real altar in the Church! Beginning in the narthex (entry area), we move toward the sanctuary and the altar, enjoying the beauty of the Church. We check out the sacristy and see the chasubles, the real paten and chalice, and cruets used at Mass.

All this helps the children to feel at home in the church and to participate more fully in Mass. This strikes the senses of the children - sight, hearing, and touch. It fosters the natural interest and attraction the child has for church.

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The Level Two Atrium

1st through 3rd Grade

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The Holy Bible...

The Bible is the Word of God, intended as a gift for all people of every language. It is through the Bible that we encounter Jesus, the Light of the Word. The children read the Bible in the atrium frequently - even from when they are three years old. We read scripture together at the prayer table and when we are presented new material. With the older children, we explore God's Word in a new way - looking at the different languages that the Bible is written in. We have Greek, Chinese, Spanish, Italian, French, and Vietnamese Bibles to explore in our atrium.

We have a presentation called **The Holy Bible and the Books that Comprise It**. Here we lift up how God is the primary author of the Bible, but it was written through many human hands. This makes it a great work of collaboration between God and humans. It is one book, made of many books that tells one sacred history, the history of salvation. There is an awesome material - a Bible cabinet which when opened is comprised of the many books of the Bible. The sizes of the little books in the cabinet correspond to their length. The Old Testament is in red and the New Testament is in green.

We grow in our love for Scripture as we learn more about it!



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The Level Three Atrium

4th through 6th Grade

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Old Testament Bible Studies...

We wait until 4th grade to look at Old Testament scripture - Creation, Sin, The Flood, Abraham, and Moses. The children are more developmentally ready to hear these stories which we present in a Bible study and typology. We look at the event from scripture, we look at them in light of Jesus, and then we look forward to the time when God will be all in all at Parousia. We have prepared for these Bible studies by working with the History of the Kingdom of God and The Plan of God materials.

Creation, Sin, and The Flood are just a few weeks long, while the study with Abraham is five weeks long and Moses is ten weeks long.

In these Bible studies, we explore and ponder God's loving plan over time. This also inspires love and enjoyment of the Bible and evokes an awareness of the personal response we need to make.

During the last Bible study on the Flood, a fifth grader said, "I see that God gives hopes even when it is hard to trust."

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News & Updates!

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No RE Classes:

Monday, Oct. 31 - Happy All Hallows Eve!
Tuesday, Nov. 22 - Happy Thanksgiving!

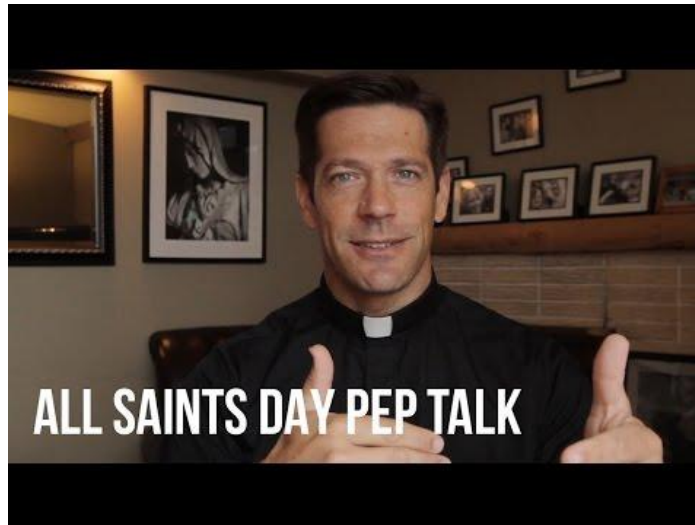
Happy Baptisms!

Damien Pobocik (Oct. 18)
Nicola Kolek (Oct. 23)
Callan Cummings (Oct. 27)
Sophia Kolek (Oct. 28)
Griffin Fields (Nov. 20)
Mya Fallis (Nov. 30)

All Saints Day Mass Times:

Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, Nov. 1:
8:30 am (school Mass)
7:00 pm



Mass of Enrollment

Mass of Enrollment for the children preparing for 1st Confession and Communion will be **November 16 at 6:45 pm**. Children should arrive at 6:30 to sign their names.

Weather Cancellations for RE after school.

Please download the MyParish app in your app store for notifications on weather cancellations.



Thank
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Please contact Hannah Turchi (hturchi@stobertschool.com) or Joan Clarke (resecretary@srbcatholic.com)
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