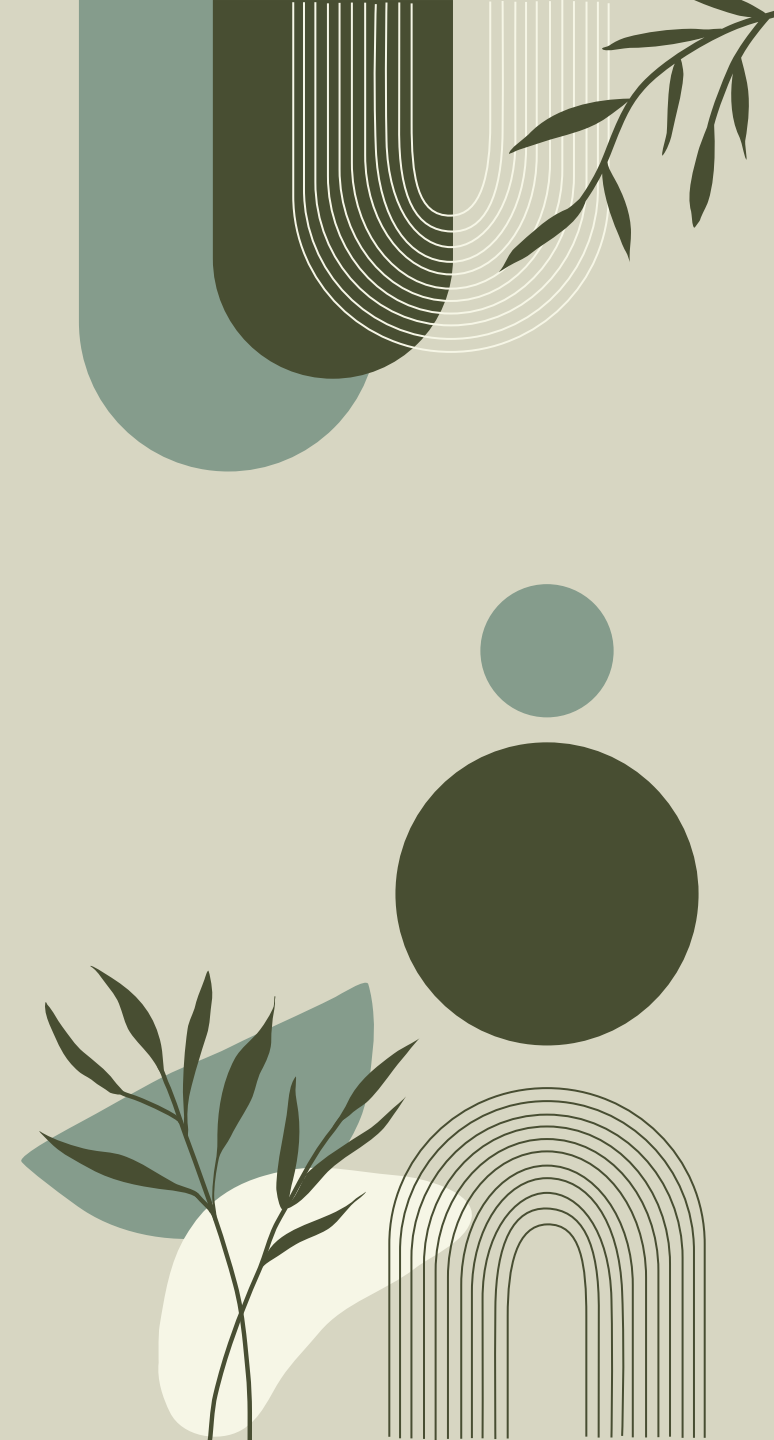


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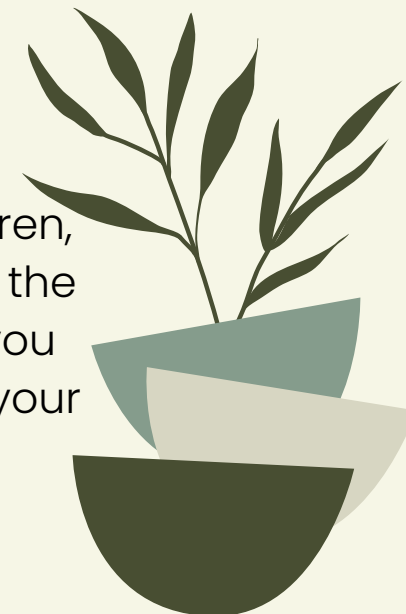




Welcome!

We are so excited to welcome all the children to Religious Education this year! Every month, we hope to update you on what your children are Learning in atrium and what you can do at home to support your children In their spiritual life.

Parents, as leaders of the Domestic Church and the primary catechists of your children, I understand the enormous job and responsibility you have in raising your children in the faith. We are here to support and encourage you as you work to fulfill the promise you made before God and the community of faith at your child's baptism. Thank you for your work and vocation as Catholic parents!





We thank you for making Religious Education a priority in your child's and family's life!

**We ask that children miss no more than four sessions throughout the year.
If you know that your child will be missing a class, please contact the Religious Ed.
Office to let us know!**

We are always happy to answer questions! You can contact us:

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Welcome to a new year! May God bless us!

-Hannah Marconeri & Esther Music





Reminders:

Please make sure to check the RE calendar on our website:
[RE 2023-24 Calendars](#)



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Growing at Home

The Prayer Table





Praying with our Children


As parents, how can you help your child enter into prayer?
You can offer them a prayer table in your home where everything is accessible for them!

Little children love to be with God! It is a simple thing to set up and adds richness to your family's prayer life.

Items you will need to set up a prayer table at home:

- A **low table or stool** (where your child is able to reach and see everything on it)
 - A **tablecloth**
 - A **statue** or **picture** of Jesus, Mary, or the Holy Family
 - A **Holy Bible** (a real one - not children's version)
 - A **candle** to light when you read from the Holy Bible





Prayer is, first of all, listening to God. Our task is that of creating the conditions for silence and reverence which will help the child to focus on and listen to God. We do this, first of all, by preparing an environment with a prayerful atmosphere.

— Gianna Gobbi

Level One

with the three to six year old child

Beginnings...

Children begin the first few weeks of atrium with **Practical Life** materials, which include pouring, sorting, grace and courtesy, and care of the environment. Parents often wonder how “pouring beans” is connected to catechesis and that is an excellent question! Practical Life allows the child to acquire order, self-direction, definition of movement, silence, and independence. The child is able to concentrate which leads to enjoyment and prayer.

The Model Altar is one of the first presentations given in the atrium! A little altar and sacristy is set up in the atrium. This work helps us to learn the names and uses of the articles we find on the altar at Mass – the altar cloth, chalice, paten, cross, candles, corporal, purificator, cruets, and lavabo. After being presented the work, the children are invited to set up the altar whenever they would like as part of their work.



Model Altar

As we learn the names and uses of these articles, we also begin to understand that Jesus is present at this Holy Meal at Mass.

Level Two

with the six to nine year old child



The History of the Kingdom of God



La Fettuccia (1st)

This work is a long ribbon (50 meters) which shows the vastness of time and space. We see how God slowly and carefully has prepared so much for us.

We learn three principal moments in Sacred History: Creation, Redemption, and Parousia

Blue Unity Strip (2nd)

This long illustrated chart has a mute strip with text which narrates the three moments (Creation, Redemption, and Parousia). We also continue to think about the “Blank Page” on the timeline, which is our time in history. We think about how we collaborate with God and build his Kingdom.

History of Gifts (3rd)

We look at Sacred History through a new lens. We look at samplings (gifts) from the mineral world, the plant kingdom, the animal kingdom, and the world of our fellow humans.

And we think how God wanted to give us an even greater gift – Jesus!

All these gifts lead to Parousia.

Through this work, we come to understand that God wants us to receive abundant life and gives us all these gifts to enjoy, use wisely, transform, and share.

Level Three

with the nine to twelve year old child



The Plan of God

The **Plan of God** material is a new, large timeline! Through this work, we learn that from the beginning of time, God has had it in mind that covenant would unite all people and all things with God in a cosmic communion of love. There is a horizontal bridge between people through the work of humankind's hands (building, inventions, domestication of animals) that are passed on from age to age. There is a vertical bridge where God reaches down to us through Christ and Redemption. All work of union, peace, and love supports God's plan and prepares for Parousia (when God will be all in all). We can see on the timeline the moments of discord, division, and war that put little tiny breaks in the timeline of history. We are united to God through His Word and the Sacraments. This work is a continuation of what was learned in Level Two and lays the groundwork for future works in Level Three.



News & Updates!



What's Happening

Oct. 19-20	Oct. 21	Nov. 1	Nov. 3	Baptism Info
<p>St. Robert is hosting a Cemetery Walk!</p> <p>This is a great way to experience the lives of the saints and celebrate the All Hallows Triduum!</p>	<p>Parent Mtg @ 6:30pm in the Media Center for parents with children preparing for 1st Communion and confession</p>	<p>Mass Times for the All Saints Holy Day</p> <p>Nov. 1, 2024</p> <p>8:30a 7:30p</p>	<p>Mass of Enrollment for those preparing for 1st Communion at 10:30a Mass</p>	<p>Please send your child's baptism date to Esther (resecretary@srbcatholic.com)</p> <p>We want to lift up and celebrate that special date for your child!</p>