

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

ACUSHNET, MASSACHUSETTS



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St. Francis Xavier's Religious Education Program

St. Francis Xavier Parish offers a Family of Faith program that has replaced the weekly classes held in the past. Religious Education classes for students are now held only twice per month. Meeting times will be between Masses on Sundays, starting promptly at 9:15am and ending at 10:15am.

Parents are required to attend the first session of each month, and invited but not required to attend the Adult Faith Formation sessions on the second meeting of each month, where we will be viewing "Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained" by the Augustine Institute. Please note the following dates:

- September 22, 2024 - There will be a mandatory orientation meeting for all parents of students in grades 1-8 who do not attend Catholic school to discuss our Family of Faith program. We will meet in the school gym from 9:15 - 10:15 and there will be no class for students.

All students grades 1-8 who are enrolled in public school must attend the following classes, held on Sundays in the Church basement from 9:15 - 10:15:

- October 6, 2024 (Parents attend a Family of Faith Session at school gym)
- October 20, 2024 *
- November 3, 2024 (Parents attend a Family of Faith Session at school gym)
- November 17, 2024 *
- December 1, 2024 (Parents attend a Family of Faith Session at school gym)
- December 15, 2024 *
- January 5, 2025 (Parents attend a Family of Faith Session at school gym)
- January 19, 2025 *
- February 2, 2025 (Parents attend a Family of Faith Session at school gym)
- February 23, 2025 *
- March 2, 2025 (Parents attend a Family of Faith Session at school gym)
- March 16, 2025 *
- April 6, 2025 (Parents attend a Family of Faith Session at school gym)
- April 27, 2025*
- May 4, 2025 - (Parents attend a Family of Faith Session at school gym)
- May 18, 2025 *

*** 2nd grade students who are enrolled in Catholic schools must attend ONLY the 2nd session of each month which will be dedicated to sacramental preparation.**

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St. Francis Xavier Sacramental Preparation: First Reconciliation and Communion

All students in the 2nd grade who attend a public school are required to attend all classes. Catholic school students who are seeking to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will need to only attend the second session of each month.

Other Important Dates

(All events held at St. Francis Xavier Church)

First Reconciliation Reflection and Rehearsal

Sunday January 26, 2025

9:15 - 10:15 am

First Reconciliation

Sunday January 26, 2025 at 6:00 pm

First Holy Communion Rehearsal

Thursday May 1, 2025

6:00 pm

First Holy Communion

Sunday May 4, 2025

2:00 pm

Crowning of Mary

Sunday May 11, 2025

10:30 am



St. Francis Xavier Sacramental Preparation: Confirmation

All students in the 9th Grade, whether in public or Catholic school, who are seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will need to attend all of the religious education classes. All classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 in the Church basement.

Parents who only have a 9th grade student in our program are not required to attend any sessions, however parents are more than welcome to attend the Family of Faith Sessions held during the first classes of each month at the school gym and/or the Adult Faith Formation Sessions held during the second classes of each month at the school gym.

- October 6, 2024
- October 20, 2024
- November 3, 2024
- November 17, 2024
- December 1, 2024
- **December 14, 2024 (Regional Confirmation Retreat at Bishop Stang High School)**
 - January 5, 2025
 - January 19, 2025
 - February 2, 2025
 - February 23, 2025
 - March 2, 2025
 - March 16, 2025
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We will communicate the time and date of confirmation as soon as we receive word from the diocese.