

## Encounter Jesus, Be Disciples

AUGUST 26, 2018 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*Callejas' Summer Selfies in Big Island of Hawaii.*



Meier family at former parishes during their 6,500-mile summer vacation road trip across the USA and back.



*St. Irene Catholic Church Warrenville, Illinois*



*St. James of the Valley Catholic Church Wyoming, Ohio*

### Fr. Patrick Mullen, Pastor

#### Mass Times

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 3:45 - 4:45pm

#### Blessed Sacrament Chapel Hours

Sunday - Friday 8:00am - 9:00pm

Saturday 3:00pm - 9:00pm

#### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 7:00pm

Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday 3:00pm - 6:15pm

Sunday 8:00am - 1:00pm

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## First Friday in the Courtyard September 7, 6:00-8:00pm

Everyone is welcome to enjoy and relax in the fresh air under the trees of our lovely courtyard. The kids can play and the grownups can visit! This month is bring your own dinner.

Stop by the chapel for a few minutes with Jesus. First Friday Adoration is 2:00 - 7:00pm.

Contact [anne@padreserra.org](mailto:anne@padreserra.org)



## Cherubs Music Program

Saturday mornings

9:30am - 10:20am **Preschool (3yrs+)**

10:30am - 11:30am **K to 2nd Grade**

New semester begins September 15.

Give your child the opportunity to learn the basics of music through singing faith based songs, playing rhythm and tonal instruments, and creating bible stories through music and dance while having fun with other children.

Register your child today!

Contact Lisa at (805) 217-6106

or [drlisab@gmail.com](mailto:drlisab@gmail.com)

[www.padreserra.org/news/cherubs](http://www.padreserra.org/news/cherubs)

Suggested donation:

\$25 per family per semester

payable to Padre Serra Parish



## Landings

A Caring Ministry  
for Returning Catholics

If you are an inactive Catholic or attend Mass infrequently, you might consider Landings. We are a group of "recycled" Catholics who, for different reasons, were away from or had issues with the church and came back to regular attendance and active participation.

We share our faith journeys and want to hear your stories. We also discuss contemporary Catholic themes and have resources available for questions about the Catholic faith and the Church.

The next 10 week Landing series:  
Thursdays, September 13 - November 15  
7:00pm, San Juan Bautista room

We invite you to come and explore the possibilities! [landings@padreserra.org](mailto:landings@padreserra.org)



## Legacy Moms

2nd Wednesday of the month  
September 12 - May 8, 9:00-11:30am  
San Juan Capistrano room

Camarillo Catholic Moms presents Legacy, a new monthly gathering of moms to provide community, belonging, and support in our vocation as mothers and as we pass on our faith to the new generation.

We have wonderful speakers lined up for this year, including Fr. Patrick!

Childcare is available for children ages 9 months to 10 years. Pre-registration required.

Information/registration:

Anna Spooner [atspooner@gmail.com](mailto:atspooner@gmail.com)

Information about other Camarillo Catholic Moms activities: Melissa Ronan

[Melissa.a.Ronan@gmail.com](mailto:Melissa.a.Ronan@gmail.com)





## Celebrate True Sabbath

Sunday is fun day for families, a day to spend time with God and friends too. Enjoy the lovely fellowship and conversation in the courtyard, prayer gardens, chapel and a myriad of ways to connect the kids. Plan to spend a couple of hours.

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| 1. Restrooms   | 9. Prayer Garden<br><i>Peace and tranquility, mass may be heard through loudspeakers</i>   |
| 2. Stay and Play<br><i>Free toddler care (12-36 months) during 9:00am and 11:00am masses</i> | 10. Bride's Room<br><i>For nursing moms, mass may be heard through loudspeakers</i>  |
| 3. Little Church<br><i>Sunday preschool (3 years and older), visitors welcome</i>            | 11. Ministry Matters<br><i>Friendly parishioners share highlights and answer questions</i>   |
| 4. Sound loop technology<br><i>In church works with t-coil equipped hearing aids</i>         | <b>Liturgy of the Word</b><br><i>Children in grades 1-5 hear the readings at their level. Children rejoin their families in time for the Eucharistic prayer. Visitors welcome.</i> |
| 5. Welcome and Information Gazebo  |  |
| 6. Bell Tower Café<br><i>Fresh donuts, fruit and coffee!</i>                                 |  |
| 7. Parish Office<br><i>Visit our friendly staff</i>  |  |
| 8. Blessed Sacrament Chapel<br><i>Intimate time with Jesus</i>                               |  |



### GATHERING

The Summons

John L. Bell, Gather #790

### GLORIA

Glory to God (Mass for a New World)

David Haas, Gather #218

Glory, Glory to God in the highest.  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
We give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Glory, Glory to God in the highest.  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

Glory, Glory to God in the highest.  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen. Amen.

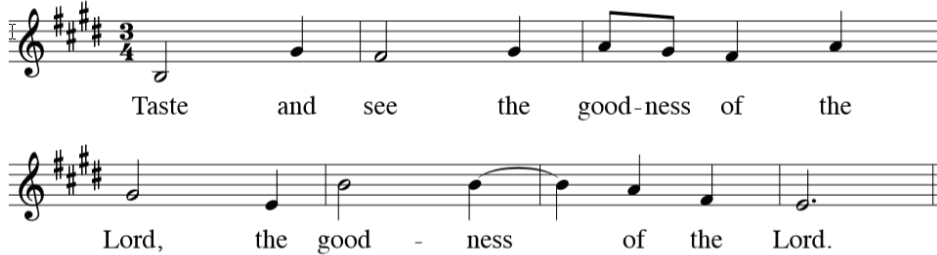
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and on earth peace to people of good will.



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****Ps. 34: Taste and See**

Marty Haugen, Gather #45

Refrain



Verses

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, God's praise ever in my mouth.  
Glory in the Lord for ever, and the lowly will hear and be glad.
2. Glory in the Lord with me, let us together extol God's name.  
I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
3. Look to God that you might be radiant with joy,  
and your faces free from all shame.  
The Lord hears the suffering souls, and saves them from all distress.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Alleluia, Word of God**

Bernadette Farrell

\*Refrain



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**Reading 1**

Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b

**Reading 2**

Ephesians 5:21-32

**Gospel Reading**

John 6:60-69

Your words,  
Lord, are  
Spirit  
and life;  
You have  
the words of  
everlasting  
life.

John 6:63c,68c



**INTERCESSION RESPONSE**

A Celtic Rune

Liam Lawton



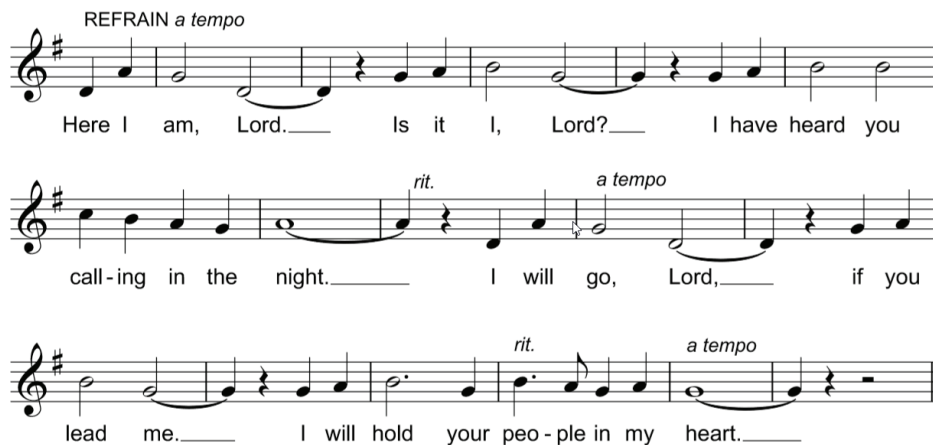
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**PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS**

Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte, Gather #777

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who make the stars at night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Who shall I send?



2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Who shall I send?
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

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**EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS**

"Glendalough Mass"

Holy, Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation A

Amen

Liam Lawton

Gather #263

Gather #264

Gather #267

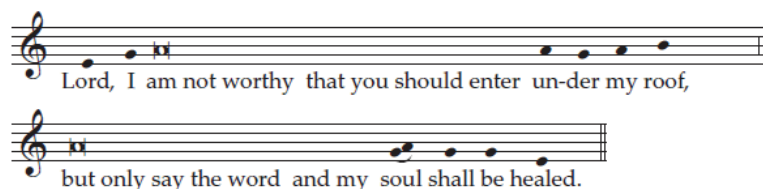
"Mass of the Angels and Saints"

Lamb of God

Steven R. Janco

Gather #388

## Invitation to Communion



## COMMUNION SONGS

### Your Words, Lord, Are Spirit and Life

Bob Hurd



#### Verses

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| <p>1. The law of the LORD is perfect,<br/>refreshing the soul.<br/>The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,<br/>giving wisdom to the simple.</p> <p>2. The precepts of the LORD are right,<br/>rejoicing the heart;<br/>the command of the LORD is clear,<br/>enlightening the eye.</p> <p>3. The fear of the LORD is pure,<br/>enduring forever;<br/>the statutes of the LORD are true,<br/>all of them just.</p> | <p>4. They are more precious than gold,<br/>than a heap of purest gold;<br/>sweeter also than syrup<br/>or honey from the comb.</p> <p>5. Let the words of my mouth<br/>and the thought of my heart<br/>find favor before you, O LORD,<br/>my rock and my redeemer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I</p> |
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## Praise and Thanksgiving

Albert F. Bayly, Gather #861

## SENDING FORTH

### I Will Choose Christ

Tom Booth, Gather #802

**Taste and See** by Marty Haugen; **Alleluia, Word of God** by Bernadette Farrell; **Celtic Rune** by Liam Lawton; **I Am the Vine** by Bob Hurd; **Do This In Memory of Me** by Chris Muglia  
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## Struggle, Learn and Grow Closer to God

Dear Faith Family,

I really love our Church. Not just our wonderful church community at Padre Serra, but the One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church. The rich history, the emphasis on philosophy and the promotion of a relationship with Jesus Christ through the Sacraments are so compelling to me and I'm so grateful every day that our Lord established this Church.

Within the rich history of our Church, we have had great minds invest their very being to the development of doctrine. Church councils have been formed throughout her history to simply pursue the truth so we can grow closer to God through it. These councils involved a lot of scrutiny and discussion and these have been happening all throughout our 2,000ish year history. I find it very comforting knowing that there have been greater minds than mine to pursue our dogmas and doctrines. I'm very glad that these truths don't rely on my own personal research.

With that said, there are plenty of things that the Church teaches that I struggle with. Again, this is where the beauty of the Church's pursuit of truth really helps me. Even though I may not understand something that the Church teaches (and maybe even struggle with it), there is something very humbling knowing that there have been so many brilliant minds who are not pursuing an agenda (like certain politicians), but rather, there are brilliant minds who just want to reveal who Jesus Christ is to the world.

This Sunday's gospel really speaks to me because of my struggles to understand. Are we called to be like the Apostles, who know that Jesus "has the words of eternal life"? Or are we called to be the ones who see the Church and her teachings as something hard, and not worth pursuing?

Let me clarify, struggle is fine. In fact, if you read stories of the saints, I would say that struggle is a requisite of eternal life. It is through struggle that we understand our humanity, but we can also relate to Jesus. It is especially ok to struggle with things that may be happening or taught in the Church, as long as it compels an honest pursuit of the truth and Jesus Christ.

I'm praying for all of you and I appreciate that you are doing the same for me and Youth/Young Adult ministry. If you have any questions of struggle, I just want to let you all know that I am available to talk about things. I may not have all the answers, but at the very least, we can pursue the truth and Jesus together.

God Bless,



Brett Becker  
Youth and Young Adult Minister



## Adults

### Cancer Support Group ~ August 28

Embracing Your Journey provides hope, empowerment, love and prayer in a comforting atmosphere of encouragement. It is a safe environment for people touched by cancer to connect with others in a productive and spiritual way. 4th Tuesday, 7:00pm, Santa Barbara room. Lou Ann (805) 551-8014.

### Caregivers Support Group ~ August 28

Caritas offers support to those who are caring for an aging parent, relative, or spouse. 4th Tuesday, 7:00pm, Carmel room. Patricia Sentianin sentclan@gmail.com

### Men's Ministry ~ August 29

*Illuman* is a ministry for men, by men, to honor the uniqueness of male spirituality. Monthly group gatherings are designed to help guys become better, more authentic men. 7:00pm, San Miguel room. Dave dave.mccormick.mba@gmail.com

### Senior Ministry Invitation ~ August 30

Our senior ministry is dreaming of new ideas and needs your gifts and talents to build a new team and bring topics and speakers relevant to our lives as Catholic Christian seniors as well as opportunities for fellowship, food, and fun. We need help with organization and planning and at the gatherings. Come to learn more this Thursday at 6:30pm, San Fernando room. Info: Patricia patmatthews2005@yahoo.com

### Writers Group ~ August 31

We gather. We pray. We write. If you enjoy writing, you are welcome any Friday to share your own work and to listen to the inspiring writing of others. 10:00am - 12:00pm, San Fernando room. Linda calmest1@verizon.net

### Living Liturgy Bible Study ~ September 4

Dr. Paul Ford leads a weekly reflection and study of the Sunday scriptures so we can better understand the good news message of Jesus Christ and how He is present in our lives. Resource books are available for purchase or bring your own bible or smart device. 8:30 - 9:30am, San Juan Capistrano room.

### Good Samaritans

Offers assistance with meals to those who are recovering from illness, accidents, injuries, and surgeries. Gwen Ripplinger (805) 797-6864 or Denise Ginty (805) 388-3897.

### St. Vincent de Paul

Offers tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. Aid may take the form of intervention, consultation, or often through direct dollar or in-kind service. Those in need of assistance should call (805) 504-4753.

## Children

### Stay and Play ~ We are back!

This free service is available during the 9:00am and 11:00am masses in San Juan Bautista room on the right side of the courtyard. Stop by, see all the toys and fun, and meet Miss Nicole and her high school teen helpers. You are welcome to stay to be sure your toddler is settled. teresa@padreserra.org

### Little Church ~ August 26 and September 9, 23, and 30

Sunday preschool for age 3 through kindergarten during the 11:00am mass. Children learn so much! From the Sign of the Cross to the bible stories, songs and more. Super fun to make friends and be at church on Sundays! Parents love it too. Register your child as soon as they turn 3. soraya@padreserra.org

**Spark! at Home** ~ In today's first reading Joshua calls all the tribes of Israel and asks them where their loyalty was because many were complaining of the hardships of leaving Egypt, even though God was providing Manna for them to eat. Joshua declared his Faith and Trust in God. "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Take turns sharing with your family, what does this phrase mean to you?

**Three: Sixteen at Home** ~ This Sunday's readings ask us for our Faith, Trust and our Commitment to God. When so many found it difficult to believe Jesus when he said he is the bread of eternal life, Peter declared his belief and commitment: "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Do you think you could have responded in the same way? How do we declare our Faith, Trust, and Commitment today?

## High School

Our Prayers are with you for a great new school year. See you all September 25 at youth group. Bring a friend.

### Youth Choir

Padre Serra's Youth Choir aka One Voice re-starts in the fall. Would you like to be a part of it? We have a few openings still, especially for young men! To find out if you and the Youth Choir would be a good fit, arrange a vocal check (about 15 minutes) with the director (805) 482-6417 x327, dominic@padreserra.org. More info at [www.padreserra.org/news/youth-choir](http://www.padreserra.org/news/youth-choir)

## Young Adults

### Food Truck Thursday ~ August 30

PSP Young Adults group (18 to 29ish) goes to Food Truck Fest at the Camarillo Ranch on the last Thursday of each month. Meets in the San Juan Capistrano room at 7:00pm to carpool. Hope to see you there! youth@padreserra.org

## Save the Date

An Evening of Poetry with Sr. Edith ~ September 14

Ministry Fair ~ Starts September 16

Many Meals Annual Fundraiser ~ October 6



## Becoming Catholic ~ RCIA

### Baptism for School-Age Children

We have a loving and welcoming process at Padre Serra through which unbaptized children 6 years and older are prepared to be received into the Church. They meet on Monday afternoons, starting in September, to learn about the Bible, Jesus, the Church, prayer, and how God is acting in their lives. They also participate in various Faith Formation activities with the other children of the parish. Parent participation is encouraged and it is a wonderful way for the entire family to become integrated into the life of our parish. For questions or to register your child, please contact Catherine Shaddock (805) 482-6417 x331 or [catherine@padreserra.org](mailto:catherine@padreserra.org)

## Faith Sharing

*Reflection questions for every gathering around any table.*

### John 6:60-69 ~ Jesus is the Bread of Eternal Life

Jesus asks two difficult questions: does this shock you (or shake your faith) and do you want to leave? What are some scripture passages, or Church teachings, that are a personal challenge to me and why? Have there been times when I have wanted to leave Jesus; turn my back on my faith? Did I leave or what kept me from leaving? What has Jesus done for me? How can I help others in their moments of shaken faith?

## Our Giving

### Together in Mission ~ Padre Serra Update!

Goal: \$130,510

Year to Date: \$119,777 donated by 476 households.

Gap of \$10,733 to reach our goal.

Each year, every parish is asked to contribute to less fortunate parishes and schools in the Archdiocese. Your donation will help support our neighboring parish communities teach and convey the Good News of Jesus Christ to thousands of students and parishioners. Your gift will be applied toward employee salaries, tuition for children, and assistance to families. Envelopes are in the church lobby or visit [ourmissionla.org](http://ourmissionla.org)

## In the Community

### Interfaith Labor Day Harvest ~ September 3

Abundant Table Farm needs your help to harvest produce for local food pantries and tend the organic garden 9:00am - 1:00pm, 1012 W. Ventura Blvd., Camarillo. Service hours are available for students. Register at [labordayharvest2018.eventbrite.com](http://labordayharvest2018.eventbrite.com)

### No Room at the Inn Continues!

This annual event displaying Nativities and supporting the homeless in our county will continue under new leadership but the same Christmas spirit! November 30 - December 2 at United Methodist, Camarillo. Many hands make light the work so volunteers are needed and appreciated in many areas. Learn more today! [Ronni.ronnimiranda@aol.com](mailto:Ronni.ronnimiranda@aol.com)

## Our Prayer Life

### Pray for Our Sick

Georgene Boyd, Sonia Callejas, Susie Cervantes, Bruce Colell, Erin Comeau, Leisa & Chris Comeau, Edward Durand, Connie Flores, Alice Grace, Tim Graf, Drew Hausekemp, Kevin King, Katherine Kruse, Sue Leahy, Dorothy Liddle, Stephen Maulhardt, Tanya Poole Carter, Benita Ramirez, Dorothy Reason-Bailey, Javier Reyes, Martha Reyes, Paola Reyes, Arceli Sarino, Larry Sedillo, Dorothy Simmons, Gladis Soto, Margaret Torres, Nicholas Valero and Linda Vesey. *(Names are refreshed monthly.)*

### Remember Our Dead

*Prayers for family and friends of those who have died recently:*

Claudia Brosius, RIP

Bill Saulsbury, RIP

Beloved uncle of Teresa Runyon

Roy West, RIP

Beloved father of Phil West

*May they enjoy peace in their life with Christ Jesus.*

### Prayer Opportunities

Daily Readings: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

Morning Prayer: Monday – Friday 7:45am, Church

Rosary: Monday – Friday 8:30am, Church

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays 6:30pm, Church

Centering Prayer: Wednesdays 6:45pm, Brides Room

Adoration: First Fridays 2:00pm - 7:00pm, Chapel

Prayer Chain: prayers anytime

Bette (805) 482-0067 [bette\\_church@hotmail.com](mailto:bette_church@hotmail.com)

Shirley (805) 482-2617 [brownshehorn@gmail.com](mailto:brownshehorn@gmail.com)

Mass Intentions: Monthly list is available in the parish office.

## Other Notes

### Volunteer! It Takes a Parish!

We grow in our sense of belonging when we pitch in and work side-by-side. There are so many tasks, large and small, to care for our more than 60 ministries, busy front office, countless activities and a 12-acre campus. Come to share your talents. Help needed: Senior Ministry, Sunday Welcome Team.

### A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

Let's share! If you have a photo of life at the parish, please send it to [photos@padreserra.org](mailto:photos@padreserra.org). Please send your images in "Actual Size" or the largest size available. Remember to let us know what the image is about (e.g., event name, activity name, who is in the pic, etc.). If you want to add a short caption, please send it too! (e.g., Enjoyed Serra Cinema with the family!) Your photographs may be used on our social media, website, eNews, bulletin, etc. We can't wait to see your pics! Questions: [gaby@padreserra.org](mailto:gaby@padreserra.org)

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During Sunday mass at 9:00am and 11:00am

*Children gather to make friends and learn about God and our Catholic faith through stories, prayer, songs, crafts and snacks.*

## **Spark!** Grades 1 through 5

Monday and Wednesday 3:30 / 5:15pm

*Kids learn our faith traditions, prayers and practices through games, crafts and hands-on lessons in a way that fosters fun, fellowship and discipleship. Family events are built in to the curriculum too!*

## **Three:Sixteen** Grades 6 through 8

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00pm

*These kids have an equal focus on bible study and building community with one another.*

## **4:12** High School

Wednesdays 7:00 - 9:00pm

*'Four one two' teens meet to make connections, share their insights and concerns, and grow in faith. They gather with young adult small group leaders and our Youth Minister.*

## **Baptism for School-Age Children** Grades 1 through 8

*We have a loving and welcoming process at Padre Serra through which children 6 years of age and older are prepared to be received into the Church.*

## **First Reconciliation and First Communion** Grades 1 through 8

*After a minimum of two consecutive years of the whole family participating in Faith Formation, children who are ready to receive their First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion, attend 2 half day retreats with their parents to prepare for these holy sacraments.*

## **Youth Confirmation** High School

*This two-year process for high school teens includes Sunday sessions, hands-on ministry, large and small group faith sharing, community events, retreats and service experiences that all culminate in receiving the sacrament.*

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