

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 2010-2011 school year
Religious Education/Youth Ministry
General Information

Elementary:

Grades 1-5 meet in the parish hall Monday afternoons from 3:15 - 4:45 PM, September 20, 2010 through Monday, May 23, 2011.

Junior High Youth Ministry:

Grades 6-8 meet in the parish hall Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30 PM, beginning Tuesday, September 28, 2010 through Tuesday, May 10, 2011.

High School Youth Ministry:

Grades 9 & 10 meet weekly for Confirmation preparation through our comprehensive parish youth ministry program! All high school sessions (with dinner) are held Sunday evenings from 6-7:30 PM in the parish hall following our 5 PM, "youth friendly," Mass. Regular meetings begin **Sunday, October 3, 2010**.

Grades 11 & 12 are invited to participate in a newly formed program which includes, social/fun outings, service activities, discussions, and leadership training and formation to help as "peer ministers."

Please check e-mail and the Sunday bulletin for program details and announcements.

Baptism:

For infant baptism, please contact the rectory at (949) 673-3775. For school age children, please call our Director of Religious Education, John Bruscia, at the number below.

Eucharist (First Holy Communion) & Reconciliation (Confession):

First Communion & Confession is integrated into our *second grade* religious education program. If you have a student in grades *three or higher* who has not yet received the sacraments of "Eucharist" and "Reconciliation" and are interested in receiving them, please contact John Bruscia for details.

Confirmation:

Confirmation is a two-year program for high school students in grades 9-10. The Sacrament is conferred at the end of the 10th grade school year. **A required year II, 10th grade, "Student and Parent Orientation Dinner & Meeting" is scheduled for Sunday, September 26, 2010 from 6-7:30 PM**. Accommodations can be made for 11-12th grade high school students seeking this sacrament. Preparation to receive the sacrament is embedded into our high school program; with this in mind, all "youth ministry" activities are considered "confirmation preparation" activities.

Holiday and Early Dismissal:

Religious Education and Youth Ministry sessions **do not meet on "legal," school holidays**. Elementary sessions **meet at the regular time on any early dismissal days from school**.

Please read our monthly, Children's & Youth Ministry Newsletter, e-mailed to all families registered in our program. In addition, please check the Sunday Mass Bulletin for any changes and or new events not originally scheduled.

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