

*This is my body
given for you*

Luke 22:19



Catechetical Sunday

September 18, 2022

10am Mass

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This year the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18th, 2022. At St. Thomas of Canterbury we will commission and bless all who faithfully serve the Church by means of passing on the faith to our youth and adults.

✠ Please pray for all catechists, especially those at our parish ✠

Elementary (Grades 1-6) Esmeralda Murillo Linda Beyer Shelly Tran	Confirmation Team: Angelica Bangle, Lucy Chai, Paul Dominic, Kishore Fernandes, Shari Smith, Vicki Schwoob
	First Communion: Vicki Schwoob, Lucy Chai
	Children’s Liturgy of the Word: Amy Trayer
	Early Childhood Education: Edna D’Souza, Arlene Sevilleja
	RCIA Team: Barbara Louis, Ken & Margaret Schieck, Vicki Schwoob
Youth Ministry: Lucy Chai	Shared Scripture: Joyce Shannon

St. Thomas of Canterbury



Faith Formation

- Grades Pre-K to 6th Grade Weekly Catechism Classes for on-going Faith Formation
- **Sacrament Preparation:** Two Year Process for First Communion and Confirmation
- **First Reconciliation & First Communion:** Begins in 2nd Grade and up (Must have completed ONE year of catechesis/faith formation)
- **Confirmation:** Begins in 7th Grade and up
- **Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (ages 7 and up):** For those inquiring about becoming Catholic or those seeking Full Initiation into the Church (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist)
- **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** For those inquiring about the Catholic Faith or those seeking Full Initiation into the Church
- **4:12 Youth Ministry: For 7th to 12th Grades (Jr. High & High School):** Where Faith, Fellowship, Fun and Food come together!

Faith Formation, Catechism Classes, Sacrament Preparation:
Vicki Schwoob, Director of Religious Education/Faith Formation;
(408) 766-3270 Vicki@StThomasSJ.org

RCIA for Adults: Barbara Louis; Barbara.rlouis@gmail.com

Youth Ministry: Lucy Chai; lucy.chai@gmail.com



Faith Formation is For.....everyone !

For all children, Pre-K through 12th grade, for on-going Faith Formation

If you have child, age 7 and up, who has not received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist

If you have a child who has completed the first year of faith formation and needs to prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

For all adults (after High school) and up: (See RCIA flyer)

Catechism Classes

Weekly catechism classes for on-going Faith Formation

Pre-Kindergarten: 1st Sundays (10a Mass)

Grades 1 & 2: Mondays 4pm to 5:15pm

Grades 3 & 4: Tuesdays 4pm to 5:15pm

Grades 5 & 6: Tuesdays 4pm to 5:15pm

Baptism (Children 7 Years & up)

If your child is age 7 and up, and has not been baptized, he/she will need to attend weekly catechism classes prior to receiving the sacrament.

First Communion

A two-year preparation process. Needs to have completed one full year of catechesis in the previous year.

Parent & Child participation (Sunday sessions)

Sundays from 1:15pm to 2:30pm (Twice a month)

Weekly catechism classes concurrently (once a week)

Confirmation

A two-year preparation process. Begins in 7th Grade and up.

Sundays from 11:15pm to 12:30pm (Twice a month)

Participation in Youth Ministry (once a month on Saturday evenings)

Youth Ministry

Once a month gatherings for teens 7th grade and up! Enjoy faith, fellowship, food & fun!



ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY PARISH

Following Jesus Christ in joy, gratitude and service

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

For those inquiring about the Catholic Faith or those seeking Full Initiation into the Church.

For baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist (Full Communion into the Church).

For those baptized in another Christian tradition and are interested in becoming Catholic.

For the unbaptized who are seeking to become baptized into the Catholic faith.



If you are interested in learning more about the RCIA process at St. Thomas of Canterbury Parish, please contact Barbara Louis, Barbara.rlouis@gmail.com

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SCRIP PROGRAM

What is SCRIP Fundraising?

It is gift card fundraising and is the #1 fundraiser for nonprofit organizations across the U.S. for more than 25 years.

How Scrip generates revenue for St. Thomas?

Scrip allows families to purchase prepaid merchandise gift cards for local and national businesses through the Raise Right company. These gift cards are just like cash. In appreciation for your patronage, these businesses give St. Thomas of Canterbury between 1.5% to 4% of the face value on the gift card. Gift cards are available from over 700+ national and local retailers. St. Thomas buys the Scrip at a discount and re-sells the gift cards to you for full face value. The discount is St. Thomas' revenue. A few examples include cards for groceries, clothing, dining, and gasoline purchases.

Changes to our Scrip Program:

Going forward, St. Thomas Scrip Program will only carry the following retailer's gift cards in inventory:

Nob Hill / Raley's	\$25 and \$100
Safeway	\$25 and \$100
Smart & Final	\$25
Sprouts	\$25
Target	\$10
Walmart	\$25

If you have need for other retail vendor gift cards such as Amazon, Arco, CVS or others, we will be accepting prepaid orders and will notify via the bulletin of when the ordering cycle is being made. Fill out a BLUE order form with your check payment and return it to the Scrip table.

Have questions? Ask via email to Angela Chen [mail2yatiuchen@gmail.com]



Please Support Options United, Helping Women in Need

In today's world, Catholics are called to support unborn children and their mothers so that no woman feels she has no choice but abortion. Do you know someone facing an unexpected or difficult pregnancy, in need of prenatal care, or support with young children? Share the Options for Pregnancy helpline: 877-398-7734, staffed by Options United trained call responders, or visit www.optionsforpregnancy.com

This critical support service connects women and families to the 170+ pregnancy centers and other life-affirming resources across the state, but it can only be provided with your help. The bishops in all twelve of our California dioceses have endorsed this pioneering service and are united in asking you to prayerfully consider making a monthly donation of any size at www.optionsunited.com/one

VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSITION 1

Sadly, California is presently one of the most permissive states in the nation for abortion. Proposition 1 promotes an unlimited expansion of abortion here, while its defeat would keep all abortion laws as they are, including our common-sense limits on late-term abortions. Our bishops are calling us to unite in prayer and action to defeat Prop 1. Please visit www.CAcatholic.org/Prop1 to find answers to common questions and resources to help defeat this misleading, expensive, and unnecessary ballot initiative.

[Check with the parish Prop 1 coordinator to find out whether there are any parish advocacy or fundraising activities that need to be announced, such as: breakfast or other fundraising activity in support of Options United, voter registration, etc.]

Need Food? FREE Food Distribution



FREE Weekly and Bi- Weekly Drive Thru sites at Churches for food.

No registration needed beforehand Registration will be done on site. Tuesday through Saturday

↴ FREE Weekly Drive Thru sites at Churches for food ↴

Church Location:	Date and Time:
Our Lady of Refuge 2165 Lucretia Ave, San Jose	Every Tuesday TIME 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
St. John Vianney 4600 Hyland Ave, San Jose	Every Wednesday TIME 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
St. Lucy 2350 S Winchester Blvd, Campbell	Every Friday TIME 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Santa Teresa Parish 794 Calero Ave, San Jose	Every Saturday TIME 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

↴ FREE Bi-Weekly Drive Thru sites at Churches for food ↴

Church Location:	Date and Time:
St. Maria Goretti Parish 2980 Senter Rd, San Jose	Every 2nd & 4th Thursday TIME 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
St. Athanasius 160 North Rengstorff Ave, Mountain View	Every 2nd & 4th Saturday TIME 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

↴ FREE Weekly Market Style Distribution at Churches for food ↴

Church Location:	Date and Time:
St. Leos 88 Race St. San Jose	Every Thursday TIME 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Christ the King 5284 Monterey Rd, San Jose	Every Friday TIME 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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Sign up to volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/CatholicCharitiesVolunteer>