

Confirmation 2 Schedule 2011 – 2012

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

- 1) God is 'texting' you (Divine Revelation & Transmission) – Sept. 18

God has fully revealed himself to us in Jesus Christ. God makes this revelation available to us through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

Reading (YouCat 4, 7-9, 12, 14-16, 20-24 & 2 Thess 2:13-15, Luke 10:1,16, 2 Tim3:16)

Response:

- 1) Describe the relationship between God's revelation, the Bible, Tradition, and the Magisterium.
- 2) What is a favorite Bible story of yours? What do you think God is trying to reveal through it?

- 2) Who is God? (Trinity) – Sept. 25

The one God is a communion of three divine persons whose very life is love. God desires to share this life with us.

Reading (YouCat 28-29, 35, 37-39, & Matthew 3:13-17, Matthew 28:19, John 14:15-18)

Response:

- 1) How would you explain the Trinity to somebody who thinks Catholics believe in 3 gods?
- 2) Write a prayer of gratitude to each person of the Trinity for blessings given to you.

- 3) **Class Volunteering at St. Francis Feast / Festival** (Sept 30-Oct 2)

Minimum requirement to volunteer for a 3 hour block of time (Sat. Oct 1 or Sun. Oct 2)

Team A (8a.m. – 11a.m.) Team B (11a.m. – 2 p.m.) Team C (2p.m. – 5p.m.) Team D (5p.m. – 8p.m.)

*Or Setup / Friday Sept. 30 or Takedown / Sunday Oct. 2

Please e-mail dhall@sfahdnv.org with the hours you can volunteer.

- 4) Why are we here? (Creation & Fall) – Oct. 9

God created the world entirely good and desires that we share in His very life. By rejecting God we have separated ourselves from God and brought evil, suffering, and death into the world.

Reading (YouCat 1, 48, 51, 56, 58, 67-68 & Genesis 3:1-19, Psalm 8:3-9, Psalm 51:1-12)

Response:

- 1) Why did God create us? Also, if God only creates good, explain how evil came about and its effects.
- 2) Spend 10 minutes in prayer on behalf of persons experiencing sin, pain, and suffering.

5) Jesus & Mary (Salvation) – Oct. 16

The Son of God came down from heaven taking a human nature to save us from evil, sin, and death. Mary becomes the Mother of God by cooperating with God and making salvation possible.

Reading (YouCat 60, 71-72, 76-77, 80, 82-83, 85, 101, 110, 117, 147-149) & Phil 2:5-11, John 1:1-14, Rev 11:19-12:17)

Response:

- 1) Why is Jesus called the “new Adam” and Mary the “new Eve”?
- 2) Reflect on the life of Jesus by praying the Rosary

6) God’s Family (Church & Mission; Communion of Saints) – Oct. 23

Jesus founded the Church, those united to God in Christ, in order to offer his salvation to people of every culture and time.

Reading (YouCat 118-119, 121, 123-125, 129, 132-133, 137, 146 Pillar of Fire; Pillar of Truth Booklet)

Response:

- 1) Describe what it means that the Church is each; One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.
- 2) Create a “job description” for being a good Catholic.

7) Touching God (Liturgy) – Nov. 6

The liturgy, through the power of the Holy Spirit, brings us into communion with God. Jesus’ saving actions are made present through the sacraments, enabling us to worship God the Father through him.

Reading (YouCat 167-171, 186-187, 211-214 & 2 Peter 1:3-4 Romans 12:1-2; John 6:53-59)

Response:

- 1) Why and how is the liturgy more than simply a gathering of people?
- 2) Sometime in the next two weeks participate in an additional liturgical celebration.
(Attend a daily Mass, prepare and make an extra trip to Confession, go online to find and pray something from the Liturgy of the Hours, etc...)

8) Living the Christian Life (Morality 1) – Nov. 20

Jesus calls us to holiness. “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Reading (YouCat 279-280, 282-284, 291-292, 297, 299, 301-304, 348-351 & Exodus 20:2-17, Matthew 5:17-48)

Response:

- 1) Do you think God expects too much? Is it really possible to be holy in this world? Why or Why not?
- 2) What do you think the world might look like without God’s commandments?

9) Living the Christian Life (Morality 2) – Dec. 4

Jesus calls us to holiness. “Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Read the “Pure Love” booklet

Response:

- 1) Write out your thoughts on the benefits or difficulty (or both) of living out the general lifestyle described in this booklet.

10) Last Things (Heaven & Hell) – Dec. 11

God wills all to be saved, but the time for accepting or rejecting God ends at death. The faithful, when purified, will live forever in Heaven. Evildoers will live forever in Hell. The reality of judgment calls all to faith and conversion.

Reading (YouCat 52-53, 111-112, 154, 156-164 & Matthew 25:31-46, Romans 8:31-39)

Response:

- 1) What do you think about the prospect that all persons will come to an eternal judgment?
- 2) What things should characterize our life and priorities in order for us to end up a sheep and not a goat? (Matthew 25:33)

Christmas Break

Beginning January 2012

Complete exercises & activities within the Confirmation Preparation Booklet

- 11) Life is a Journey of Faith (Receiving the Gift of the Spirit session 1) - Jan. 8, 2012
 - 12) Community & Prayer (Receiving the Gift of the Spirit session 2) - Jan. 22, 2012
 - 13) Strengthening our Faith (Receiving the Gift of the Spirit session 3) – Jan. 29, 2012
 - 14) Confirmation & Christian Initiation (Receiving the Gift of the Spirit session 4) - Feb 12, 2012
 - 15) **Confirmation Retreat evening of Feb 17th (at our parish) & day of Feb 18th (at**
 - 16) Discipleship (Receiving the Gift of the Spirit session 5) - Feb 26, 2012
 - 17) Review Sacraments (Receiving the Gift of the Spirit session 6) - March 4, 2012
 - 18) Service and Witness (Receiving the Gift of the Spirit session 7) - March 18, 2012
 - 19) Receiving the Holy Spirit / Rite of Confirmation (Receiving the Gift of the Spirit session 8) March 25, 2012
 - 20) Receive Study Guide / review for Confirmation test - April 15, 2012
- ** Confirmation Test – April 22, 2012
- ** Final Confirmation Catechesis (and test results back) – April 29, 2012
- ** - Confirmation Rehearsal 6 p.m. @ St. Francis of Assisi Church
- ** Confirmation Mass with Bishop Pepe ()