



St. Kevin Religious Education Program

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August, 2018

Dear Parents:

Welcome to our Religious Education Program for the 2018-2019 Catechetical year!

Our program is designed for children who attend public or non-Catholic private schools to receive formation in the Catholic faith. It is of utmost importance that you as parents, the primary educators and first catechists of your children, understand and remember that **religious formation does NOT conclude with the celebration of the sacraments. It is a continuous process throughout our journey of faith.**

This year's Catechetical theme is "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ." It reminds us of our call to be examples to the younger generation by demonstrating our faith in Jesus Christ in all that we think, say, and do as we grow in our relationship with him. **Attending Sunday Mass every week as a family is of utmost importance in the spiritual formation of your child and in the strengthening of your faith as a family.** **Celebrating our faith continues at home through daily prayer and practicing our Christian values.**

Attached is a copy of this year's calendar. Please keep it handy, so that you are aware of the different activities and dates. Also attached is a copy of the "Requirements and Commitment Statement" you signed as a reminder of how you are called to fulfill your important role as the first catechist of your child. The front cover of our parish bulletin is also included so that you are aware of our Mass schedule.

In addition, our "Religious Education Handbook" contains all the rules, guidelines and procedures we will be following this year. Please take some time to download and read it on our website, www.stkevinrep.org, so that you are aware of what is expected from you and your child. *(A hard copy is also available upon request.)* We will be using the website to post important documents, reminders, information, dates, etc. pertaining to your child's Religious Education class. Please be sure to check our website on a weekly basis. Our primary method of communication will be via email, and we will be sending out emails throughout the year with regards to important events and matters pertaining to the program and parish community.

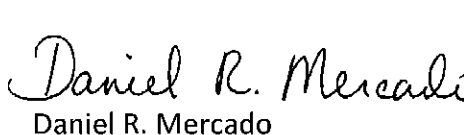
With your cooperation, we will have a safe environment in our program and a fruitful Catechetical year.

Remember, **we are here at your service.** Let us pray for one another as we walk together on our journey of faith. May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely in Christ,


Rev. Jesús G. Saldaña

Pastor


Daniel R. Mercado

Coordinators of Religious Education


Alidi Rivera



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REQUIREMENTS AND COMMITMENT STATEMENT, 2018-19

(one per family)

PARENT COPY

As the **primary catechist** and religious educator of my child(ren) ...

I **commit** myself to:

1. Pray daily as a family.
2. Regularly attend Mass on Sundays (or Saturday evenings) and Holy Days of Obligation.
3. Review prayers and lessons my child is learning in class.
4. Make Religious Education a priority in my child's, as well as in my own, life.
5. Be a Catholic role model in all that I think, say, and do.
6. Have my child bring all required materials to class (i.e. book, pen/pencil, folder, etc.).
7. Ensure that my child arrives on time for each class and avoids any unnecessary absences.
8. Actively participate in the parish through the various ministries offered.

I will **abide** by the following requirements:

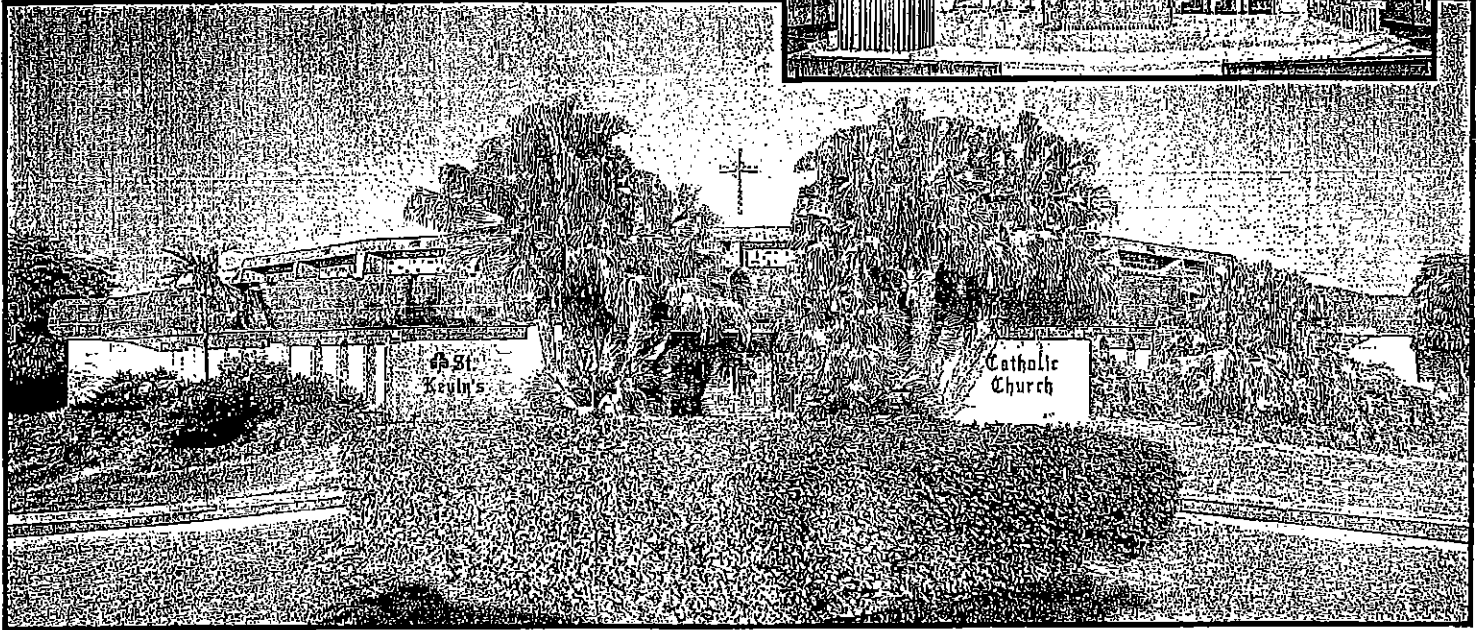
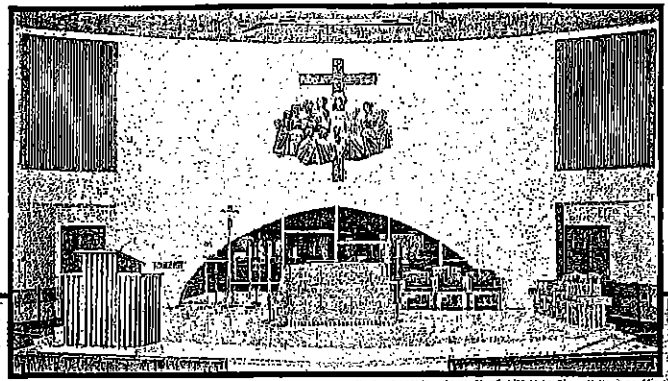
1. All registration forms **MUST** be filled out completely, and all information provided is accurate.
2. All fees and required documentation need to be submitted in a timely manner.
3. During a sacramental year, attendance at **all** meetings, retreats, and rehearsals is **mandatory** in preparation for my child's celebration of the sacrament.
4. **NO MORE** than 5 absences from class are allowed during the catechetical year. Having more than 5 absences may cause the current year to **NOT** count in terms of sacramental preparation.
5. By signing this form, as the parent/legal guardian, I acknowledge that I have read the "*Religious Education Handbook*" online at www.stkevinrep.org. I accept and agree to follow and abide by all the rules and regulations as stated in the handbook. I also agree to abide by the guidelines in the "*Touching Safety Handbook*," also available online at www.stkevinrep.org. I affirm that I have the right to give consent for my child(ren) to receive religious education at St. Kevin Catholic Church.

I **understand** that raising my child in the Catholic faith involves more than just sacramental preparation, and I am aware that the St. Kevin Religious Education Program offers opportunities for my child to continue their faith formation and to remain involved in the parish beyond the sacraments.

**This statement was signed by the parent at the time of registration, indicating acceptance of the above requirements and commitment as the primary catechists of their child(ren).*

Saint Kevin Catholic Church

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Pastor, Rev. Jesús G. Saldaña

**Associate Pastors, Rev. Julio A. Fernandez, s.d.b. and Rev. Isidro Perez
Deacons, Rev. Mr. Robert B. Dinsmore and Rev. Mr. Michael A. Fresneda**

Parish C.R.E., Mr. Daniel Mercado and Mrs. Alidi Rivera

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ST. KEVIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal, Dr. Mayra R. Constantino

Assistant Principal, Dr. Sharyn Henderson

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MASSES

Saturday..... Youth Mass, 6:00 PM English
7:30 PM Español
Sunday: 8:00 AM, Children's Mass, 11:15 AM English
9:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 7:00 PM Español
Daily:..... 7:30 AM English
7:30 PM Español

CONFESSIONS

Sábado, Saturday 5-6 PM
Saturday and Sunday before Masses
Sábado y Domingo antes de Misa

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Educación Religiosa • School of Religion
For Children Attending Public Schools (305) 223-2469
Adult Education - watch bulletin for dates, times and topics.

BAPTISM

2nd Sunday in English
3rd & 4th Sunday in Spanish

Parents and godparents must receive instruction prior to Child's Baptism. Please call the rectory four weeks in advance. Baptism is scheduled the second Sunday in English and third and fourth Sundays for Spanish.

Para bautizar un niño se debe hacer una solicitud en la oficina de la parroquia por lo menos seis semanas antes del bautizo. Los padres y padrinos deben recibir instrucciones sobre el Sacramento del Bautismo y la Vida Cristiana.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements must be made **SIX MONTHS** in advance.

Las bodas han de notificarse al sacerdote por lo menos 6 meses antes de la celebración. Todos los Católicos que viven dentro de los límites de la parroquia deben estar inscritos en el censo parroquial y participando activamente.

ST. KEVIN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FIRST COMMUNION CALENDAR: 2018-2019

14 - Important Date

~~14~~ - No Class

Class Times: Tuesdays: 6:30 – 7:45 pm

Wednesdays: 6:30 – 7:45 pm

Saturdays: 9:30 – 10:45 am

August 2018

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- 4, 5: Registration 9 am – 2 pm
- 11, 12: Registration 9 am – 2 pm
- 14, 15, 16: Registration 5–8pm
- 18, 19: Registration 9 am–2 pm
- 21, 22, 23: Registration 5–8pm
- 28, 29, 30: Registration 5–8pm

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- 3: Labor Day
- 4: First Day of Class – Tuesday
- 5: First Day of Class – Wednesday
- 8: First Day of Class – Saturday
- 16: Catechetical Sunday – “Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ”
- OPENING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MASS – 11:15am (Church)**
- *All families are encouraged to attend this and all Rel. Ed. Masses.*

October 2018

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- 9, 10, 13: General Parents' Meeting – during regular class *
- *These general Parents' Meetings are required ONLY for transfer students and for parents who did NOT attend last year's meeting. You will be informed during registration if you must attend.*
- 21: RELIGIOUS ED. MASS – 11:15am
- 30 & 31: NO Classes – Fall Break

November 2018

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- 1: All Saints' Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
- 3: NO Classes – Saturday Groups Catechetical Conference
- 20, 21, 24: NO CLASSES Thanksgiving Break
- 22: Thanksgiving Day / RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MASS – 11:00 am
- *All families are invited to attend.*

December 2018

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- 2: PARISH FESTIVAL
- 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) RELIGIOUS ED. MASS – 10:00 am
- 18, 19, 22: Last Day of Class before Christmas Break
- 23: Christmas Break begins
- 25: Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)

January 2019

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- 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
- 8: Classes Resume – Tuesday
- 9: Classes Resume – Wednesday
- 12: Classes Resume – Saturday
- 27: RELIGIOUS ED. MASS 11:15 am – Church
- *All families are invited to attend.*

February 2019

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- 16: NO CLASSES – Saturday Groups
- MANDATORY FIRST COMMUNION PARENT-STUDENT MEETINGS:**
- 19: Meeting for **Tuesday** Classes 6:30 – 7:45 pm – Parish Hall
- 20: Meeting for **Wednesday** Classes 6:30 – 7:45 pm – Parish Hall
- 23: Meeting for **Saturday** Classes 9:30 – 10:45 am – Parish Hall
- 24: RELIGIOUS ED. MASS – 11:15am

March 2019

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- 5: NO CLASSES – Tuesday Groups
- 6: Ash Wednesday – NO CLASSES
- 26, 27, 30: NO CLASSES – Spring Break

April 2019

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- 6: NO CLASSES – Saturday Groups
- 14: PALM SUNDAY
- 20: NO CLASSES – Holy Saturday
- 21: EASTER SUNDAY
- **Reconciliation and Rehearsals will begin in May and will run through the first few weeks. The exact dates will be given at the First Communion Meeting. All Reconciliation and Rehearsal dates are MANDATORY. Please plan on bringing your child earlier on these days.*

May 2019

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- 4: Last Day of Class – Saturday
- 14, 15: Last Day of Class – Tue./Wed.
- 19: REL. ED. MASS PREPARED BY F.C. STUDENTS – 11:15am
- *All families are asked to attend*
- **FIRST COMMUNION DATES ARE STILL PENDING**
- (You will receive an email once they are confirmed.)*



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FIRST COMMUNION – BASIC PRAYERS

Dear Parents:

Last year, your child was asked to learn and memorize the four "**Basic Prayers**" that every Catholic should know how to pray. These prayers include the Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be. Your child should already be familiar with all of them.

Sometime in October, as part of the transition into the second year of faith formation for First Communion, we will be **evaluating** each student to determine whether or not they know their Basic Prayers. Therefore, if your child has not yet learned their Basic Prayers, they **must** learn them prior to October.

We are asking for your assistance by going over and praying these prayers together with your child at home. The best way for them to learn (and remember) these prayers is to pray them every day. What could be better than to pray together as a family daily!

Thank you, and God bless you.

BASIC PRAYERS

Sign of the Cross *

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name: Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**For the Sign of the Cross, your child also needs to know how to do the action correctly.*