

Christ the King Parish Religious Education Program-2016-2017 -Schedule- Grs.1+2
Class times are 11:10 AM to 12:10PM in the school (Trinity Catholic Academy)
all dates are class days unless it says no class. Schedule is subject to change.

2016

September 18 -Catechetical Sunday -Commissioning of Catechists at 10:00 AM Mass
at CTK & OLOL, 9:30 AM Mass at SES

September 25-classes begin, Parent Meeting, all parents TCA school gym, break up
into classes

October 2 - class

October 9-Columbus Day Holiday Weekend -No Class

October 16—class, **Holy Childhood Speaker tentative**

October 23 - class today

October 30 – class - All Saints Day, class today and & All Saint's Procession into 10:00
am Mass, meet in lower church at 9:45am, Grades 1-4- Dress as a Saint, grades 5-8;..
Discover a Saint -Class poster board Saint.

November 6-class & Food Drive for Parish Food Pantry-grades 1+2 begins
today, bring your donations to class each week during the month of November
and December. Also opening parent meeting for First Communion II parents
during class time. 11:10 AM in room 105

November 13—No class – Veteran's Day Weekend – Holiday Weekend

November 20 - class

November 25 -Friday -**Giving Tree Tags -Service Project**, all parents and children
are asked to participate, **Confirmation students** wishing to complete service hours are also
welcome, **6:30 PM-lower church**

November 27 -Thanksgiving Weekend –**No Class & 1st Sunday of Advent**

December 4 -Class today & Rite of Enrollment - First Communicants during 10:00
AM Mass

December 11— class

December 16 -Friday, **6pm, Dress Rehearsal for Tri-Parish Children's Stories and
Songs for the Advent Season Program**, held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 439
West St. 02301

December 17 -Saturday, **Tri-Parish Children's Stories and Songs for the
Advent Season Program -2:00 – 3:00 PM** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 439
West St., children arrive at 1:00 PM in costume for brief rehearsal before the
program)

December 18 -class

December 25—Christmas Day and Christmas Recess -No Class

2017

January 1—New Year's Day – No Class

January 8 -class today

January 15 -Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Holiday Weekend -No Class

January 22 - class

January 26 -Thursday night at 7 PM in the church, First Penance Parent Meeting
for First Communion II Parents, snow date Thursday February 2 at 7PM, attendance
required
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January 29 – class

February 4 -Saturday, First Penance-2nd year First Communicants- 11:00AM-Church

February 5-class

February 12-class, **Holy Childhood Speaker tentative**

February 19 –No Class today, Winter School Vacation begins at the close of school on Feb. 17

February 26-classtoday, March 1 is Ash Wednesday

March 5 – class & First Sunday of Lent

March 9 -Thursday night at 7:00 PM in the church, First Communion Parent Mtg.

For First Communion II Parents, snow date Thursday March 16 at 7 PM, required

March 12 – class

March 19 -class today

March 25 - Sat. 1st Communion Workshop-11:30AM-2:30PM, 2nd yr. 1st Communion Class only

March 26 – class

April 1 –Saturday, **7th and 8th grade Tri-Parish Retreat-1:00-4:00 pm** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, attend 4pm Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, required

April 2 -class today

April 9 -class today & **Palm Sunday Procession into 10:00 AM Mass**, meet 9:45 am lower church for procession - gr. 1-4 tambourines, gr. 5-8-Palm Prints, Grades 6, 7, 8 act out Passion Play during Children's Liturgy, Triduum is April 13-16, this is the last class for the year, classes are over until September 2017, April School Vacation begins on Friday, April 14 at the close of school.

April 16 -Easter Sunday - No Class, classes are over until Sept. 2017, Good Friday is April 14

April 29-Saturday, First Communion II Rehearsal –9:30 AM to 11:30 AM Lower Church

May 6-Confirmation-10:00AM & 1:30PM-Tri Parish Confirmation today at St. Edith Stein

May 11-Thursday, First Communion II Rehearsal -7:00 P.M. in the Church, required Both students and one parent must attend.

May 13-Saturday, First Communion, 11:00 am in the church. Students to LC at 10 am

May 14-May Procession - First Communicants wear First Communion outfits to 10:00 AM Mass today. First Communion Certificates given out after Mass today.

May 21 -No class-**Family Ice Cream Sundae Party** -lower church 11:00 A.M.

The weekly bulletin has the most up to date information on changes in the schedule.

Note: Schedule for Grades 1+2 will be posted on brocktoncatholic.org under the heading (Religious Education Schedule). Check out the web page for lots of info!

GUIDELINES

Mass: Grades one + two - should be attending Mass regularly. There is a 10:00 AM Mass at Christ the King Parish each week: during which a Children's Liturgy of the Word is held. Children come to a greater understanding of the Mass, the sacraments, and their relationship with God by attending Mass regularly.

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Absences: Each grade one + two student is expected to attend all scheduled classes. There are 3 absences allowed per school year. If children are to going to be absent for any reason from a class, it is the responsibility of their parents/guardians to inform Judy Sullivan along with the reason for the absence. Calls must be made PRIOR to class time. Parents should notify Judy Sullivan of any circumstances resulting in extended absences and be prepared to teach the child at home if necessary.

Arrival and Departure: A parent/guardian should accompany children in Grades 1 + 2 to their classroom. These same children must be picked up at their classroom by a parent. The parking lot is dangerous with cars arriving and departing. Parents and children must be very vigilant of the moving cars. The safety of each child is our greatest concern. Please make every effort to be prompt in picking up your child.

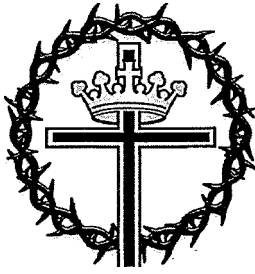
Change of Family Information: Families that change an address, telephone number, or email address during the year must notify Judy Sullivan in writing.

Communication: All Religious Education business or messages should be directed to Judy Sullivan. Judy can be reached at 508/586-1575 or email her at rfccd@ctkp.org. Communication with families is very important and is also done by means of the church bulletin and the parish website www.brocktoncatholic.org. Using these forms of communication will help keep you informed of any changes in schedule, activities, or meetings with parents. Parents receive a calendar of classes and important dates at the beginning of each school year.

Conduct: Students are expected to be respectful and courteous toward all. Disruptive behavior is not expected nor permitted. Parents will be notified of any problems. Cell phones must be turned off when in the classroom and in the church. Hats must be removed in the school and church.

Inclement Weather: In the event of stormy weather, please tune to channels 4, 5, and 7 for cancellation notices regarding the parish's Religious Education program and activities. Parents are asked to use their own discretion regarding travel if the weather is stormy.

Parent Meetings: Three parent meetings will be held for the First Communion year. Parents have a choice of attending parent meetings for First Comm. at any Tri-Parish Rel. Ed. Program.



CHRIST THE KING PARISH

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston -

Christ the King Parish Religious Education Program A Personal Safety Curriculum for Grades 1 & Grade 2

Dear Parent/ Guardian:

Our Parish Faith Formation Program continues to use the Personal Safety Program for children in grades 1-8 during the year. Basically, this program teaches children skills that will help keep them safe from dangerous or abusive situations. Children also learn to ask for help when they need it.

Over the next few months (and in future years), you will receive a series of letters that provide information about how you can help your child learn and practice safety rules taught in the classroom lessons. Children learn more about safety and are more likely to follow safety rules when they have multiple opportunities to practice and talk about safety with their family. I encourage you to help your child learn and practice safety rules.

Each year, the program is divided into three units for grades 1-grade 8:

- **General Safety.** This unit teaches children rules that will help keep them safe in potentially dangerous situations.
- **Personal Safety.** This unit focuses on teaching children to identify unsafe touches. It also teaches children the *Safety Steps*: Say words that mean "NO," get away, and tell a grown-up if someone tries to touch parts the parts of the body covered by the bathing suit. Children are also taught to not keep secrets about touching. Emphasis is placed on *Safe Touches, Unsafe Touches and Unwanted Touches*.
- **Assertiveness and Support.** This unit gives the children a chance to practice getting out of unsafe situations and to ask a grown-up for help if they need it. Children need to be able to identify adults to talk to, both inside and outside the family, since you may not always be available.

Learning to be assertive takes time. You can help your child practice saying "NO" while looking directly at you and using a strong voice. Research shows that young children retain the skills they have learned only if they keep practicing them.

Thank you for being a partner in teaching safety to your child. We recognize that touching safety is a sensitive topic. Please call us anytime you have questions.

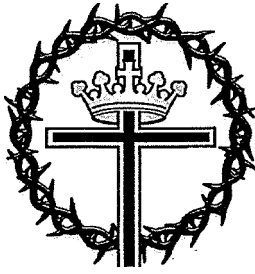
Sincerely,

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CLASSROOM RULES FOR STUDENTS

Be respectful of other's opinions if it differs from yours.

Do not interrupt speaker.

Keep within your own space.

Be respectful of the people and furnishings in this room and building. This is a Catholic School during the week. Do not touch anything in the classroom or the desks unless it is your own materials.

Participation in all activities and discussions is required.

Fighting, disobedience, verbal abuse, disrespect toward adults or other students is not allowed in this program.

Improper dress, wearing hats in church or class, defacing or destroying property, is also not allowed.

Cell phones are not permitted in Religious Education classes. If you have to have a cell phone to call for a ride home, you must keep the cell phone in a pocket or pocketbook during class and the cell phone must be off. If a student has a cell phone on or answers a cell phone during class, the teacher will confiscate the cell phone until class is over.

*Since the classroom meets only once per week for **one hour** it is very important that everyone does their best to follow the rules.*

**Christ the King - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM –
Grade 1& Grade 2 meet at Christ the King, grades 3-10 have a
choice between Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Edith Stein for
classes. Please see enclosed sheet on where classes are held.**

Students (Grade 1 through Grade 2) gather together on Sunday mornings for classes from 11:10 AM to 12:10 PM and usually attend the 10:00 AM Mass, however any Mass attended with their family is acceptable. Classes are held in the Trinity Catholic Academy classrooms. Children's Liturgy of the Word is held during the 10:00 AM Mass each week.

The Confirmation Program- Confirmation I (grades 9) and Confirmation II (grade 10 and up) has two choices of classes. The classes meet on Sundays from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM at Saint Edith Stein Parish, 631 North Main St. Brockton or they may choose to attend Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 433 West St. Brockton on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:00 PM for their class. Once per month both groups meet on a Sunday at 5:00 PM for a Teen Mass which is required at our Lady of Lourdes Church.

GRADE 1 THROUGH GRADE 6 PROGRAM

The program material we use is offered in different levels from Grade 1 through Grade 6 and is the *Sadlier WEBELVE with Project Disciple Series*. The We Believe Program helps young disciples learn, live, and hope in the Good News of Jesus Christ! It is a proven, faithful, and dynamic program.

GRADE 7 AND 8 PROGRAM

The program material for this level is *Finding God – Our Response to God's Gifts* by Loyola Press. It is a Faith Formation Program that fosters a lifelong relationship with God by engaging young people in the full and authentic teachings of the Catholic Church. Seventh and eighth graders face many important decisions about school, friends, interests they want to pursue, and about their faith. This program reaches young people where they are in this critical stage of their lives and provides in-depth support for teachers, catechists, and parents. The life of Jesus Christ and the authentic teachings of the Catholic Church are presented and explored in an age-appropriate manner, encouraging lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

First Reconciliation (Penance) and First Communion (Eucharist) is a two-year preparation program; children must register in grade 1 and in grade 2. Parents simply set aside time to read and explore the chapters with the children each week as they are brought home from class. This type of interaction between parents and children helps parents to form their children in the faith. The children's prayer sheet is another useful tool for parents. The sacrament of First Reconciliation (Penance) is received in early February and the sacrament of First Eucharist (Holy Communion) is received in May for these children.

