

The Our Lady of the Isle Religious Education program is family-oriented, prayer-based program for children in grades 1 and higher. In addition to this formal program, we offer a Children's Liturgy program during the Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Mass for Pre-School and Kindergarten children ages 3 through 5. Our program meets every Sunday from Catechetical Sunday (the 3rd Sunday) in September through the first Sunday in May (the Marian Procession.) with the exception of Holiday weekends. A general rule of thumb is – if there is no school on Monday, then there is no school on Sunday.

The goal of our entire program is **to assist** our parents/guardians in their role as the primary educators of their children in the Faith. Our program is separated into three main groups. The focus of all of the groups is Sacramental preparation through prayer and the basic teachings of the Catholic Faith.

Students should arrive for weekly class between 8:20 and 8:30 a.m. since all classes will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. The children and teachers will gather in the main body of the church for an opening prayer, announcements, and a brief summary of the Saint of the Week. Students then will disperse with their teacher to their assigned location either in the Parish Hall or Parish Office.

Our First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion level is a two-year program culminating in First Reconciliation in the Fall of Year 2 and First Holy Communion in the Spring of Year 2.

Our Intermediate level is a two-year program solidifying all previous material taught in our First Reconciliation/ First Holy Communion Program and laying a solid foundation for our Confirmation Program.

Our Confirmation level is a three-year program which continues to reinforce the material previously presented in the prior four years as well as to prepare the students for Confirmation by presenting the basic teachings of the Catholic faith. This three-year program culminates in the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring of Year 3.

Our Post-Confirmation students are invited to continue their Religious Education through participation in the Mass as Choir members, Lectors, and Ushers, to assist our Religious Education classes as teacher aides, and by participating in our bi-monthly movie group.