

Welcome to St. Therese RCIA and CCD 2008-2009!

This year we are excited to introduce, Carol Patterson, Director of Religious Education for St. Therese. Carol was the DRE at St. James School for several years and she now shares her knowledge and expertise with our parish. Darlene Chan and Christine Delfin will continue to coordinate efforts for our CCD program and Rosemarie Lau for the RCIA program.

Classes for grades K-8 and RCIA will be held on Sundays immediately following the 9:30 A.M. Mass, and ending around 12:15 P.M. See your catechist to confirm when their class will end. RCIA and kindergarten to second grade will be held in the church basement. Third and fourth grade CCD classes will be held at the school along with the upper classmen. In accordance with the guidelines of the Archdiocese, children enrolled in kindergarten CCD should be at least five years old.

The 2008-2009 registration fee remains \$75.00 per student. Please make the check payable to St. Therese Church. The registration fee and form is due by **September 1, 2008**. You may turn in your enrollment form to any one of the following: the rectory, Darlene Chan, Joe Delfin, Christine Delfin or Rosemarie Lau. Late registration will incur an additional fee of \$15 per student. Special arrangements can be made for those in financial difficulty by speaking with Fr. Michael. Classes will start on Sunday, September 14, 2008.

We highly encourage parents to take any opportunities to learn more about their faith so they can grow stronger as a family. Faith is a precious gift from God that becomes even more joyful as we build upon it. We ask you to bring your family on a weekly basis to celebrate any of our Masses on Sunday or the Saturday vigil.

Faith also benefits from active involvement and expression in a close community. We urge you to volunteer toward parish events and the CCD program by helping to organize the Christmas Pageant, the Christmas and Easter parties, or any of the other events this year. There will also be a Sign-Up sheet posted for parents to bring JUICE (no soda, please!) for the children. We welcome and appreciate any help you can provide to our CCD Program.

Please note:

*** Second grade will receive the sacrament of FIRST RECONCILIATION in 2009.

*** Third grade will receive the sacrament of FIRST HOLY COMMUNION in 2009. An additional fee will be collected closer to the date of Communion.

*** Fourth graders will begin training as altar servers. A comprehensive Altar Serving Workshop will be held for grades 4 and above, and high school/college students are encouraged to participate as well.

*** 2009 is not a Confirmation year for the CCD program.

Please be sure to check our bulletin boards and website regularly. We thank you for your support and enthusiasm as we learn and grow together through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Michael Davitti or any one of the coordinators.