

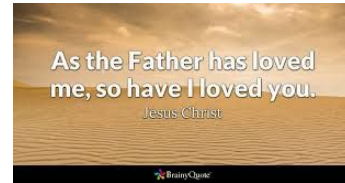
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

There is only one
happiness in this
life, to love and be loved.

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Everywhere around us there are signs of Valentines Day. In fact, it seems we may have just put the last gift under the tree and there were already hearts and chocolates arriving in the store. In the month of February we need to rethink Valentines Day. Is it just about being in love with one person? I think it is more about how we love *any* person. Love is a transcendental and profound emotion gifted to us by God. It changes and evolves us. Sometimes we do awesome things in the name of love. Sometimes we do some crazy things for love. I think love is doing what is best for someone. It is about saying the words, "I love you" through our actions, just as Jesus did when he said: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (Jn 13:34-35) So let us love as Christ does.



Jesus did just this when he offered his life to save ours. As a mom, I know that I love my children no matter what. They are always my children. I am always God's child. This relationship is one we can all understand. We all are someone's child. We all want our parent to love and understand us no matter what. This is what God does, He loves us no matter what. God is love and thus whenever we express love, we are sharing God with that person.



Perhaps Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to remind ourselves of this perfect love. Love such as God's is more than a box of chocolates or a card, it is selfless and self-giving. So on February 14 and everyday, let us love as God loves without reservation or expectation. Then we will all love each other as God's people.

REGISTRATION 2019-2020



Registration for this coming summer and academic year is now open. Please review the registration letter located via this link: [Registration Letter](#) for more information. The letter also contains the link to register for the program. Our tuition costs have remained the same and we now have the ability to utilize Smart Tuition, which allows for electronic payments.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019



Come travel with Paul as we learn and explore how Paul brought the word of God to Athens. We are seeking young travelers 4-years old through 4th grade to make this exciting journey. We are also seeking adult and high school age companions to lead this journey with us. We are setting out on June 17 and we will return on June 21. Our travels each day will last from 9am-11:30am. Click on the following link to register for this journey: [VBS Registration](#). The cost of the trip is located in the registration form. We look forward to traveling with you.

CONFIRMATION 2019



A gentle reminder that if you have not registered your child yet, please do so via this link: [Registration Link](#) If you and your child still need to meet with Mrs. Ballintyn, please contact her via reled@sjbde.org to schedule this meeting. It is very important that we meet to ensure that your child understands all parameters of the program.

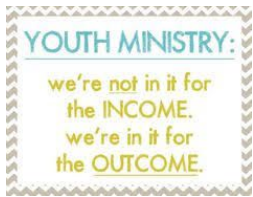
RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST MEETINGS



The retreat for all eligible students is Feb. 19 at 6:30pm in the Church. A parent must accompany their child to this retreat. The celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Feb. 26 at 6:30pm.

There are two options for the parent meetings for the celebration of First Communion. At least one parent must attend either the Feb. 6 or Feb. 20 at 6pm in the Church.

YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING



There is no Youth Ministry meeting for February as we are planning for an awesome evening of praise and worship in March. It is an experience that will bring together traditional prayer and contemporary music. More information is located in the flyer at the end of this newsletter. There will be many options for our youth to serve at a variety of events throughout March and April as well we will be sending this information out in early March. There will also be an information session on Camp Veritas on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 6:30pm in the School library. A flyer for Camp Veritas is located via this link: [Camp Veritas Flyer](#)

FEBRUARY CALENDAR



Please see our calendar for this month at the end of this newsletter.

A SPECIAL NOTE OF GRACE AND THANKS

In closing I wish to thank a very special group of people, our catechists and aides. Our catechists welcome our children with joy and happiness. I visit the classes often and I know first hand how hard our catechists work to serve as great educators. They also prayerfully share their passion for our Church and its teachings. I would also like to thank Fr. Martin, who comes every week to help answer questions and to visit with our students. A note of gratitude to Mr. Janicki and Mrs. Nunez, who are the administrative staff who ensure the safety and security for our students. Also, a note of appreciation to Miss Ballintyn, who faithfully prepares and supports the work and efforts of all our teaching staff. Thank you everyone for all you do!



February Important Dates



February 2 - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

February 3 - Sunday Morning RE 9:30-10:30 AM

Feast of St. Blaise and the Blessing of the
Throats

February 5 - Tuesday Night RE 6:30-7:30 PM

February 6 - First Communion Parent Formation Mtg. Option 1
6:00-7:00 PM

February 10 - Sunday Morning RE 9:30-10:30 AM

Summer Program First Reconciliation Class

February 12 - Tuesday Night RE 6:30-7:30 PM

February 14 - Feast of St. Valentine

February 17 - NO Sunday RE Class

President's Day Weekend

February 19 - Tuesday Night RE 6:30-7:30 PM

First Reconciliation Retreat for All Children

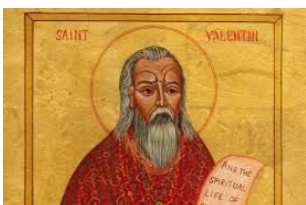
February 20 - First Communion Parent Formation Mtg. Option 2

6:00-7:00 PM

February 24 - Sunday Morning RE 9:30-10:30 AM

February 26 - RE First Reconciliation 6:30 PM

Tuesday Night RE 6:30-7:30 PM



The Bread of Heaven awaits you...

An Evening of Adoration & Praise



**Join us on Sunday, March 10 from
3pm-4pm in the Church**

Adoration

Quiet Reflection

Praise Music

Scripture

We invite you to stay for the 5pm Mass following this event.

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