

April 20th, 2021

ANOTHER ONE OF MY “Some of this will apply to *ALL* & all of this will apply to *SOME*” email ... take from it what interests and or applies to you. 😊 (While you will need to use the email body for website links, I have provided an easy-to-read pdf file - attached).

Religious Education (Domestic Church) Sessions have now *paused* as we prepare to celebrate sacraments! While our formal sessions are on “hiatus” – the faith and our formation is ongoing and lifelong. I will continue to send my love notes, and I will continue to see you all at Mass 😊

Our April sessions included RE-ENROLLMENT INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES for the 2021-2022 formation year. We will offer a Kick-Off in August for enrolled families. *Registration / Enrollment Form is attached – and will be available on our website soon! If your child will be preparing to receive a sacrament during the 2021-2022 formation year, the attached Sacrament Recording Form & a copy of their Baptism Certificate should be submitted with enrollment form.*

While the April session was not live-streamed, session information was recorded & is available now for viewing.

April Religious Education Session Vimeo Link

<https://vimeo.com/514420728>

Our First Holy Communion Family Preparation Session for April was well attended, despite the challenging weather! While the weather prevented the live-stream, *session information was recorded & is available now for viewing.* First Communion Families also REMEMBER the added info I emailed regarding your resource pick-up. If you have not yet done so, come to the parish office weekdays between the hours of 9:00AM & 3:00PM (2:00PM on Fridays) – or contact me directly if you need to arrange a different time.

April First Holy Communion Session Vimeo Link

<https://vimeo.com/514421164>

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated beginning May 1st, during all weekend Masses! Families have chosen their desired Mass days and times – and will receive a reminder email with specific directives the week leading up to their scheduled Mass.

Our **Confirmation Preparation Session** this past Sunday April 18th was filled with the Holy Spirit! THANK YOU to the many Candidates, Parents and Sponsors who participated!

A portion of this session was live-streamed, and is now available for viewing.

April Confirmation Session Vimeo Link

<https://vimeo.com/514420957>

Confirmation Retreat Day is Saturday May 1st FROM 11AM-2PM ... this is for Candidate (with sponsor or without is fine – NO parents on this day 😊).

PARENTS: please watch the video for more specifics. I will also follow up with some reminders in a separate email.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated beginning Pentecost weekend! Families have signed up for their desired Masses, and will receive a reminder email with more specific directives the week leading up to their scheduled Mass.

Good Samaritan Project (or GSP). This is a week-long service retreat located in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida. During GSP, teens gather to serve, pray, and have fun together for the betterment of the community and the Glory of God. This summer, GSP will be held from June 21-26, based from Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School. See more information and your opportunity to participate as part of the Youth of Espiritu Santo (YES) - by following the link below!

[Registration | GoodSamaritanProject \(dospgoodsamproject.org\)](https://dospgoodsamproject.org)

WE WILL NEED ADULT CHAPERONES!!! (2 adult chaperone minimum – with at least 1 adult per 10 youth – and a proper ratio of male chaperones / female chaperones to comply). Below you will find the DOSP Safe Environment requirements for volunteer chaperones. Attached, find a covered volunteer application that must be completed and submitted to the Espiritu Santo Religious Education Office *prior* to scheduling the Level II screening.

DOSP Safe Environment Requirement Information:

[Fingerprint-Based Background Screening – Diocese of Saint Petersburg \(dosp.org\)](https://dosp.org)
[SEP Training – Diocese of Saint Petersburg \(dosp.org\)](https://dosp.org)

Another REMINDER of the Important Diocesan Announcement: MASS OBLIGATION TO RESUME

Bishop Parkes has announced that **“the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days for Catholics in the Diocese of St. Petersburg will expire on the Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, May 22, 2021.”** He will issue some *particular dispensations* for the faithful who may find themselves in specific circumstances. (examples: if you are ill, have an underlying health condition, care for the sick, homebound, or infirmed, are pregnant, are age 65 or older, have significant and reasonable fear or anxiety, or cannot attend Mass through no fault of your own (e.g. no Mass is offered, you are infirmed, the church is at capacity upon your arrival, etc.). For a fuller outline of Bishop Parkes’ directives, see the link below.

[General-Dispensation-English.pdf \(dosp.org\)](#)

ON SATURDAY MAY 22 (the Vigil of Pentecost) our Mass schedule will be revised in order to offer more Mass opportunities and accommodate a safe welcome for more people. Follow our website link below for the full Mass schedule:

[Welcome Back – Espiritu Santo Church](#)

Privileged to serve you in faith!

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As we approach Earth Day ...

“I exhort everyone to see the world through the eyes of God the Creator: the earth is an environment to be safeguarded, a garden to be cultivated. The relationship of mankind with nature must not be conducted with greed, manipulation and exploitation, but it must conserve the divine harmony that exists between creatures and Creation within the logic of respect and care, so it can be put to the service of our sisters and brothers, also of future generations.” Our Holy Father – Pope Francis