

# 2024-2025 G.I.F.T. Schedule



## Grade 2\* With Sacraments

Theme - Family Faith Journey

\*Also for grades 3 or 4 preparing for First Reconciliation & First Communion

### At-Home Portion

Children are expected to complete chapters in their textbooks and activities at home. All children in grades 2-4 preparing for Sacraments will use the Grade 2 textbook, as the topics are relevant to preparation. Schedules and books for the At-Home portion will be given out at the Parent Orientation/Materials Pick-Up.

### At-Church Program

Families meet once per month at the church as part of the GIFT Family Program and also attend special sessions specifically focused on the Sacraments. At least one parent must attend these sessions with the child. Because we do not meet weekly, we ask that you make every attempt to attend regularly. If you are unable to attend your regular GIFT session time in any given month, you can attend either of the other 2 times that month. There are no make-up dates for Sacramental meetings or retreats. However, when necessary, make-up materials can be provided and must be completed. Our dates and topics will be as follows...

Month	Session Dates & Times	Topic
September 2024	<b>Materials Pick-Up</b> 2 options: Wed. 9/11, 6:00-6:45 pm <b>OR</b> Sun. 9/15, 10:15-11:00 am	ALL parents should attend at any time during either of the 2 options to pick up materials and complete forms as needed. Plan to stay about 5-15 minutes. <u>Parents new to GIFT stay for orientation.</u>
	<b>New Parent Orientation</b> 2 options: Wed. 9/11, 6:00-6:45 pm <b>OR</b> Sun. 9/15, 10:15-11:00 am	Parents NEW to GIFT or those who have questions about the program should attend one of these sessions. Parents only; please make arrangements for childcare. <b><u>ASL interpretation will be available by request only.</u></b>
	<b>GIFT in Spanish: Orientación</b> Sun. 9/15, 12-12:45pm	Esta es una plática sobre cómo funciona el programa de GIFT. Padres de familias están invitados a la orientación para recoger materiales de los estudiantes. Sesión para padres solamente.
October 2024	First Wednesday: 10/2, 6-7:30 pm First Sunday: 10/6, 10:15-11:30 am Second Sunday: 10/13, 11:00-12:30 pm	Meet & Greet: Who Is Jesus?
	<b>First Reconciliation Parent Meeting: Parents Only!</b> <b>Wed. 10/30, 6-7:30 pm</b>	

November 2024	First Sunday: 11/3, 10:15-11:30 am First Wednesday: 11/6, 6-7:30 pm Second Sunday: 11/10, 11:00-12:30 pm	Seasonal Sights: The Liturgical Calendar
	<b>First Reconciliation Retreat: Parent and child Sat. 11/16, 9-11:15pm</b>	
December 2024	Special Family Advent Event: 2 Options – Pick One: Sunday, December 1 at 10:00am or Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 6:00pm Materials will be available in Spanish and English at both sessions. Los materiales estarán disponibles en Español e Inglés en las dos sesiones.	
January 2025	First Sunday: 1/5, 10:15-11:30 am First Wednesday: 1/8, 6-7:30 pm Second Sunday: 1/12, 11:00-12:30 pm	Find The Way: The Great Commandment
	<b>Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation Wednesday, January 15, 6:00pm</b>	
	<b>First Eucharist Meeting: Parent and Child Sun. Jan 26, 10-11:15</b>	
February 2025	First Sunday: 2/2, 10:15-11:30 am First Wednesday: 2/5, 6-7:30 pm Second Sunday: 2/9, 11:00-12:30 pm	Sailing Through the Mass
March 2025	First Sunday: 3/2, 10:15-11:30 am Second Sunday: 3/9, 11:00-12:30 pm Second Wednesday: 3/12*, 6:30-8 pm <small>*Actually 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, as first is Ash Wednesday</small>	Journey of Jesus: Stations of the Cross
	<b>Retreat Day for First Eucharist Prep: Parent and Child Saturday, Mar 8, 9-11:15am</b>	
April 2025	First Wednesday: 4/2, 6:30-8 pm First Sunday: 4/6, 10:15-11:30 am Second Sunday: 4/13, 11:00-12:30 pm	Jesus is Our Tour Guide: Discipleship

## First Eucharist Mass Options

### *Mass & rehearsal times*

(You will choose your Mass date at the January Parent/Child Session)

Saturday, April 26, 5 pm

Rehearsal Wed. April 23, 6:00 pm

Sunday, April 27, 9 am

Rehearsal Wed. April 23, 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 3, 5 pm

Rehearsal Wed. April 30, 6:00 pm

Sunday, May 4, 11 am

Rehearsal Wed. April 30, 7:00 pm