

Religious Education K-6, 7-8



Our Mission

The mission of St **Mary Religious Education, K-6** is to assist families in the instruction of their children in the love of God and how to live a life pleasing to Him. We do this through teaching our Catholic traditions of faith and prayer and through sacramental preparation, aiming in all to help each child form a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Academic Calendar

Our program will follow the Astoria School District Academic Calendar school year 2015-2016. Also, if school is cancelled on a Thursday due to weather, Religious Education classes will be cancelled as well. Below are the current dates when there will be no school and no Religious Education on Thursday:

November 5

November 26

December 24

December 31

March 24

April 7

Last class is May 26



Class Schedule and Location

1:45-2:35 Student Arrival and Activities: Playground across the street or the School Gym (1411 Grand)

2:45-3:15 Student Mass: Church

3:15-4:30 Snack and Class: Auditorium or Classroom upstairs

K-2, 1st floor, NW classroom (right of staircase) - Teacher Miss Emily

3-4, 2nd floor, NW classroom (right of staircase) - Teacher Miss Helen

5-6, 2nd floor, NE classroom (left of staircase) - Teacher Miss Rosy

Absences

If your child will be absent from class, please contact Amy at the Parish Offices at (503) 325-3671, or Rosy at (503) 459-2331. It is especially important for those students who ride the bus because we verify our kids as they get off the bus.

Snacks

Your child will be given a snack after Mass at every class. We would appreciate any donations of healthy snacks. Example: Goldfish, graham crackers, granola bars. You may drop off snacks at the Parish Office at 1465 Grand, Ave., M-F, 8:30 AM-4PM. No juice boxes please.

Class Dismissal and Pick Up

Please pick up your child in the auditorium promptly at 4:30, unless you must pick him/her up early. With the exception of a prearranged ongoing early pickup, please give advance notice. When you arrive, you must call your child's teacher (numbers listed below) in order that your k-4 child can be dismissed and accompanied to the 14th STREET ENTRANCE to meet you. (The auditorium remains locked until dismissal.)

If a parent is not picking up their child, the authorized adult is to sign the child out for the day. Please be sure the adult's name is on the "End of the Day" release form which is attached to the registration form. Parents may add names if needed throughout the year.

Dress code

Students will be attending Mass during the program and sometimes participating in the Mass as well. Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately as he/she enters the House of God. Be sure to send your child with a jacket WITH IDENTIFICATION. The weather is always changing. Rain or shine, we will be walking to Mass. (If a personal item is left behind, it will be taken to the church office where you can retrieve it.)

Volunteers

Dana Berny, Helen Dessen, and Emily Borup are the regular volunteers in our program. Kathy Arndt, Sheila Miller, and Bev Crosby volunteer as assistants and substitutes. Also, we have student volunteers, middle and high school, who offer invaluable help on the playground, in church, preparing and serving snacks and assisting in the classroom. If you, or someone you know from our parish, would like to volunteer or contribute a special talent (e.g., guest speaker, music, photography, crafts or some other skill) to our program, please feel free to contact one of the people listed in this information packet.

Adult volunteers working regularly with children (four times or more per year) must complete a background check and receive Child Protection Armatius Online Training. Training may be done from home or at the parish office. (See Amy)

Directory

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| Pastor | Father Ben Innes | (503)325-3671 |
| Parish Office | Amy Russell | (503) 325-3671 |
| Parish email | amyr@stmaryastoria.com | |
| Religious Education Coordinator and Teacher | Rosy Doyle (5-6) rosemariedoyle@msn.com | Hm: (503) 738-6065 Cl: (503)-459-2331 |
| Teachers | Emily Borup (K-2) Helen Dessen (3-4) | Hm: (503) 861-8424 Cl: (619) 884-7233 Hm: (503) 325-4567 Cl: (503)-440-5892 |
| Mass Readers, Servers/Snacks | Dana Berny | Cl: (503) 298-7706 |
| Sacramental Preparation (1 st Reconciliation and 1 st Eucharist) | Kathy Arndt | Cl: (503) 861-8507 |



Middle School Youth Group

Mission of our Middle School Program

To form faithful Catholic middle school youth, Sacred Scripture is given first place in catechesis with the goal that our young people will be fully able to:

Feed on God's Word as their daily bread

Understand scripture and wholeheartedly participate in Catholic worship

Love Jesus Christ above all else and be filled with His Holy Spirit

Lead others to Christ and to His Church

We are using the Power Trip curriculum from **YOU TURNS**, www.youturns.org

Youth Group meets on Sunday night from 6:00-7:30 in the 2nd floor classroom to the left of the stairway. (Students enter from 14th Street) More information? Call Rosy Doyle 503-738-6065

