

# Welcome to St. Timothy's Sunday School



**P.R.E.P.**

(Parish Religious Education Program)

## **Our Mission**

To foster and nurture a greater appreciation of our children's faith through the teachings of Christ's love.

## **PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**

### **Virtus for Adults**

The VIRTUS<sup>®</sup> programs assist the Church in being a safe haven for children and a messenger for preventing child sexual abuse within the Church and society in general. We seek to achieve this through our child sexual abuse prevention program. Protecting God's Children<sup>®</sup> is a comprehensive and multi-dimensional program, incorporating proven best practice standards for the prevention of child sexual abuse by clergy, staff, volunteers, and others who interact with children within the church environment. Our training programs incorporate instructor-led training, train-the-facilitator education, awareness videos, and ongoing web-based training through online training bulletins. The VIRTUS session will help you as parents know the myths about sexual abuse, the warning signs and how to communicate your concerns and protect our children. There will be an upcoming class and you will be notified. This class is for adults only.

### **Teaching Touching Safety for Children**

This training is provided by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as part of an ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse. This is NOT a sex education class. It is not intended to be a substitute for your responsibility of educating your children in the area of human sexuality and love. If you decide you do not want your child to be part of this training, please note your preference on the back of the registration form.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Attendance**

All parish children who attend public schools are expected to attend formal religion classes. High school students are expected to attend the Parish Confirmation Program.

### **Sacrament Program**

Reception of Eucharist & Reconciliation requires the following:

- Consistent class attendance.
- Attendance of the orientation session and parent meeting the first year.
- Attendance at parent meeting, the family retreat, and year 2 rehearsals.

### **Permanent Records**

Permanent records will be kept on all students regarding family, sacrament and attendance information.

## PHILOSOPHY

The home is the most influential force in the life of children. Christian attitudes and values are formed in the home. As stated in the National Catechetical Directory, Catechetical programs are not intended to supplant parents as the primary educators of their children. Parental involvement in catechetical programs is essential. Formal religious education class promotes continuous spiritual growth and discipleship. Our volunteer teachers are faith-filled people dedicated to spreading the gospel message of love and service.

## CIRRICULUM

**Pre-K** – This class is based on the development needs of young children and is similar to a preschool/kindergarten program with an emphasis on God’s love for them and that they are all special to God.

**Kindergarten** – The children are introduced to the people in God’s family, the places that are important centers of God’s presence, the Mass, and that it is important to behave like a member of God’s family.

**SAC 1** – The children are invited to participate more fully in the Mass by learning symbols, gestures and rituals. They develop their growing sense of identity and self worth with the assurance of God’s love and concern.

**SAC 2** – The children learn that the family of God has a treasury of biblical and traditional stories, which teach us who we are and what we are to do. The children are invited to identify more closely with the Catholic Faith. This year special emphasis is placed on the Sacrament of Eucharist and a careful study of the Mass.

**Post SAC** – the aim is to help the children grow in Christian moral life. God calls us to fellowship with Him and one another in Christ. Formation of conscience is one of the principle aims. The Beatitudes and Jesus’ law to love one another, help guide the conscience towards a Christian response.

**Jr. High** – These years helps the youth become familiar with the main characters and events of the history of Israel and the development of the Church through Bible stories. This course focuses on the students’ growing self-awareness and responsibility for making decisions based on the values of Christ.

## REGISTRATION AND TUITION

Parishioner tuition: \$140 per child per year  
Non-parishioners: \$160 per child per year

Payments may be made in full or in quarterly installments. In addition to regular tuition, SAC 2 requires an additional fee of \$100 in preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion Liturgies.

No parish member will be turned away from the Religious Education Program at St. Timothy’s due to inability to pay fees. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please call the director and request a scholarship. All financial arrangements are kept confidential.

To complete the registration process, we require:

1. A completed enrollment form
  2. Tuition payment
  3. A copy of baptismal certificate
- Encourage your child to be active ministers, as altar servers, greeters, lectors, ushers, gift bearers, and choir members.
  - Reinforce classroom lessons at home. Incorporate values learned at school into everyday family activities.
  - Please respond to our messages promptly.

The coordinator of the program should be informed about any change in the family status or other pertinent information. Health and learning problems should also be noted.

## TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Textbooks will be provided. Students are responsible for textbooks taken home. Textbooks and supplies must be brought to every class with the exception of pre-K class. Supply lists will be provided on the first day of class. We cannot be held responsible for items left in the classroom. There is a \$30.00 charge for replacement books to cover our additional costs.

## EXPECTATIONS & POLICIES

### Student Expectations

- Consistent class attendance.
- Respectful Christian behavior is expected of all students.
- We foster and build a Christ like community of love, compassion, and kindness for one another.
- Follow classroom rules.

### Parent Expectations

- Please adhere to calendar events and class schedule.
- Arrive on time for all religious education activities and classes.
- Contact the office (310 474-1216) if your child is going to be absent.
- If your child misses a class, please discuss with your child's teacher for makeup assignments.
- Refer to weekly Sunday bulletin for schedule changes.
- Attend Mass every weekend with your child. Our 9 AM Mass offers programs for children's participation.

**The following items are not allowed in class unless requested by the teacher:**

- Toys or Stuffed animals
- Books or electronic devices
- Weapons or their facsimiles are strictly forbidden. This includes toy guns and costume weapons.
- Cell phones may be brought to school but must remain off during class

### Cancellation of Classes

Although we do not anticipate any reason to cancel a class, we will make every effort to inform you via parish bulletin or announcement, phone, or email.

### Crisis Plan

St. Timothy P.R.E.P and Safeguarding Our Children Committee have formulated an emergency response plan to protect our students and staff and provide a safe and orderly environment in the case of an emergency or crisis. In the very unlikely event that the school would need to be evacuated, the students would be taken into the Parish Hall or the parking lot.

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PERSONNEL

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