

# 2023-2024 Our Lady of Guadalupe Church - C.A.F.E. Ministry Calendar

Children And Family Evangelization Ministry – Sacrament Prep and Continuing Faith Formation

## Sacrament Preparation (1<sup>st</sup> Communion) Year 1 or Year 2 – Pick ONE

Thursday Zoom (English Only)		Sunday In Person (Spanish or English)	
Father (Yr1) from 5-6:15pm Son (Yr2) from 6:30-7:45pm		Father (Yr1), Son (Yr 2), Holy Spirit (Discipleship), or Amen (pre-sac prep)	9-10:30am (Spanish), 11a-12:30pm (English), or 1-2:30pm (English/Adaptive)
#1	C.A.F.E. Park Day: Sun, Aug 20 (11:30a-2p)	#1	C.A.F.E. Park Day: Sun, Aug 20 (11:30a-2p)
#2	In Person Orientation: Thurs, Sep 14 at 6:30pm	#2	In Person Orientation: Sun, Sep 17 at 9:15am, 11:15am, or 1:15pm
#3, 4	Zoom: Thurs, Sep 21, 28	#3, 4	In Person: Sun, Sep 24; Oct 1
#5	In Person Rosary Event: Sat, Oct 7 – 9:30-11a	#5	In Person Rosary Event: Sat, Oct 7 – 9:30-11a (bilingual)
#6, 7, 8	Zoom: Thurs, Oct 12, 19, 26	#6, 7, 8	In Person: Sun, Oct 15, 22, 29
#9, 10	Zoom: Thurs, Nov 2, 9	#9, 10	In Person: Sun, Nov 5, 12
#11	In Person Adoration Event: Fri, Nov 17 – 6:30-8pm	#11	In Person Adoration Event: Fri, Nov 17 – 6:30-8pm
<b>Son ONLY</b>	Reconciliation Retreat (In Person) – Sat, Dec 2 from 9am-12pm	<b>Son ONLY</b>	Reconciliation Retreat (In Person) – Sat, Dec 2 from 8:30am-12:30pm
#12	In Person Advent Event: Sun, Dec 3 – 9-10:30am (Spanish); 11am-12:30pm or 1-2:30pm (English)	#12	In Person Advent Event: Sun, Dec 3 – 9-10:30am (Spanish); 11am-12:30pm or 1-2:30pm (English)
#13	In Person Christmas Pageant Event: Sat, Dec 16 – 2:30-4p	#13	In Person Christmas Pageant Event: Sat, Dec 16 – 2:30-4p
#14	Zoom: Thurs, Jan 11	#14	In Person: Sun, Jan 7
#15	In Person Safety Event: Sat, Jan 13 – 8:30a-12p (bilingual) and Adult Virtus Training (Spanish and English)	#15	In Person Safety Event: Sat, Jan 13 – 8:30a-12p (bilingual) and Adult Virtus Training (Spanish and English)
#16, 17, 18	Zoom: Thurs, Jan 18, 25; Feb 1	#16, 17, 18	In Person: Sun, Jan 21, 28; Feb 4
#19	In Person Lent Event: Sat, Feb 10 – 9:30-11:30am	#19	In Person Lent Event: Sat, Feb 10 – 9:30-11:30am
#20, 21	Zoom: Thurs, Feb 15, 22	#20, 21, 22	In Person: Sun, Feb 18, 25; Mar 3
#22, 23	Zoom: Thurs, Feb 29; Mar 7	<b>Son ONLY</b>	Eucharist Retreat (In Person) – Sat, Mar 9 from 9am-12pm
<b>Son ONLY</b>	Eucharist Retreat (In Person) – Sat, Mar 9 from 9am-12pm	#23	In Person: Sun, Mar 10
#24	In Person Stations/Soup Supper Event: Fri, Mar 15 – 6-8pm (bilingual)	#24	In Person Stations/Soup Supper Event: Fri, Mar 15 – 6-8pm (bilingual)

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#25	Zoom: Thurs, Mar 21	#25	In Person: Sun, Mar 24
#26	In Person Clothing Drive Event: Sat, Apr 20 – 8a-10a	#26	In Person Clothing Drive Event: Sat, Apr 13 – 8a-10a
#27	Service: Fiesta Volunteering April 26-28 (select one 4-hour shift)	#27	Service: Fiesta Volunteering April 26-28 (select one 4-hour shift)
#28	In Person Mother’s and Muffins Event: Sun, May 5 - 9-10:30am (Spanish); 11am-12:30pm or 1-2:30pm (English)	#28	In Person Mother’s and Muffins Event: Sun, May 5 - 9-10:30am (Spanish); 11am-12:30pm or 1-2:30pm (English)
#29, 30	Zoom: Thurs, May 16, 30	#29, 30	In Person: Sun, May 19; Jun 2
#31	In Person Viva Lucis Event: Friday, May TBD	#31	In Person Viva Lucis Event: Friday, May TBD
#32	In Person Padres y Pasteles Sun, Jun 9 – 9-10:30am (Spanish); 11am-12:30pm or 1-2:30pm (English)	#32	In Person Padres y Pasteles Sun, Jun 9 – 9-10:30am (Spanish); 11am-12:30pm or 1-2:30pm (English)
#33	In Person Mission Visit Event - Sat, Jul 13 – 9a-2p	#33	In Person Mission Visit Event - Sat, Jul 13 – 9a-2p
#34	Catholic Family Summer Camp: Thu-Sun, July 25-28 at Santiago Retreat Center (Separate Registration Required)	#34	Catholic Family Summer Camp: Thu-Sun, July 25-28 at Santiago Retreat Center (Separate Registration Required)
#35	Vacation Bible School: August 2024 (dates TBD)	#35	Vacation Bible School: August 2024 (dates TBD)

## C.A.F.E. Ministry Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Who can join?** Families with children from ages Kinder to 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join the ministry (younger children/siblings are welcome to attend with the family...event if they can't sit still, we don't want to exclude anyone in your family). Additionally, for family members/families who are not preparing to receive a sacrament we offer the Holy Spirit Track (in person sessions only) to allow families to share faith conversations and join in the C.A.F.E. community.
- **At what age do children begin 1<sup>st</sup> communion preparation?** Children in grades 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> can prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.
- **How long does it take to receive 1<sup>st</sup> communion?** Sacrament preparation is a minimum 2-year process (however, it depends on the readiness of the child/family).
- **Do I have to attend mass?** Attending mass weekly is an expectation for any sacrament preparation. We highly encourage families to consider joining C.A.F.E. even if you have not been attending mass regularly prior to registration.
- **How many absences can we have from sessions?** We ask families to attend each session listed, however, we understand that illness or unforeseen circumstances do occur. Therefore, if you miss a session, our Sacrament Coordinator will reach out to you with Family Events through other ministries you can attend in place of your missed session. There will also be faith work to complete as a family, which the Sacrament Coordinator will provide you with during the communication of make-up Family Events.
- **Who should I contact if I have questions?** Please contact Lizeth Alvarado at [lizeth@ourladyofguadalupechurch.org](mailto:lizeth@ourladyofguadalupechurch.org) or 310-372-7077 extension 231