



# Christ the Redeemer Parish

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## Summer Religious Education Program 2021 August 16<sup>th</sup> – August 27<sup>th</sup>

It's less than one week until our Summer Session begins! We are so excited to spend the week with your children exploring our Catholic faith and growing as disciples of Jesus.

### Start Date

Classes begin on Monday, August 16 at the Religious Education Center (2122 Cooper Road, Atco, NJ 08004). Please drop your child off at the far end of the building to enter via the side door. There will be a teacher there to greet them. Doors open at 8:45 am. We will start promptly at 9:00 am.

### Opening Mass

Our Opening Mass for the Summer Session will be Sunday, August 15 at 11am at Assumption Church. ALL students should attend with a parent or guardian. Please check in with Ms. Power at the table in the vestibule when you arrive.

### Snack

Please send a water bottle, nut-free snack and drink each day with your child. All classes will have a snack break at 10:45am each day and will go outside if the weather permits.

### Supplies

Students in Grades 1-4 will need to bring 2 sharpened pencils and a box of crayons or colored pencils with them each day. Students in Grades 5-8 will need to bring a folder and 2 pens or pencils. Textbooks, activity books and all other art materials will be provided.

### Attire

The Religious Education Center is air conditioned, so students should dress accordingly. In addition to religion lessons, we will have special sessions of art/prayer and daily visits to the Church. Please NO tank tops, flip flops, slides or sandals. Shorts and skirts should be a modest length and any t-shirt logos should be appropriate for Church.

### COVID-19 Prevention Strategies

Per diocesan guidelines, we will be implementing universal masking of all students and teachers while indoors, social distancing in classrooms and cleaning and disinfection. Please send a mask with your child each day. ***If your child shows any signs of infectious illness (fever, cough, headache, nausea or vomiting, etc.), please keep them home.*** In cases of illness, their absence will be excused.

**Permission and Release Form**

Please complete the diocesan Parental Permission and Release form, which grants permission for your child to participate in the 2021 Summer Program. Forms should be returned with your child on the first day of the Summer Session.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession**

Those children who have already made their First Reconciliation will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament on Thursday, August 19th. Teachers will review with them how to go to confession.

**Mass**

We will have a Summer Session Mass on Tuesday, August 24 at 11am in Assumption Church. All family members are welcome to attend.

**Safety Lessons**

This year, the diocesan mandated safety lessons, VIRTUS: Empowering God's Children, will be emailed to you to review with your children at home. If you would prefer that your child not participate, we will provide an opt-out form for you to sign that must be returned to the diocese.

**Service Project**

To put our faith into action this week, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for our parish food pantry. Items especially needed: Mac and cheese, peanut butter and pasta.

**Pick up**

Pick up is at 1:00 pm. Please park your car and walk over to the center glass doors to pick up your child. No child will be permitted to walk across the parking lot without an adult.

It is our hope that this Summer Session will help your children develop a love and excitement for Jesus that will keep their faith alive in their hearts for a lifetime! If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at 856-767-3414 or [religioused@christtheredeemer.us](mailto:religioused@christtheredeemer.us)

May God bless you and your family!