

# St. Christopher Religious Education

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Happy New Year!

The New Year often starts with resolutions or promises to change some aspect or behavior of our lives. Whether it is taking off a few pounds, exercising more, scheduling time for daily prayer, etc., the objective is to improve the quality of our lives. The New Year is also a time for us to rejoice in the new light of Christ in our lives. We have much to celebrate and much for which to be grateful.

Our St Christopher families will come together to celebrate two sacraments with their children. First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 in the church. Our second graders and Journey In Faith students and parents have been working to come to understand the forgiveness that God offers through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is through our loving relationships with each other that we come to experience the love that God shares with us.

On January 31 at 1:00, Bishop George Rassas will be the presider for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students have studied, prayed, and served our community in ways that helped them to understand their role as disciples of Christ. Confirmed by the Holy Spirit we too will affirm the promise made at our Baptism and Confirmation. Please pray for all these students and their families as they grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

We have made one small change to the parking lot pick up procedure for Wed. We will start exiting both the far south lane and far north lane at the same time. Therefore I hope that you will find the patience to not back out of the pick up space. You create a very dangerous situation for our children who are looking for their car. Another reminder to please turn you lights off so the children can better see your car, even if it means you have to turn the car off for a few minutes.

Regarding tuition, with our economy still in desperate straits I encourage you to make at least a minimum payment. Please take advantage of the credit through the Tuition Incentive Reduction Program (TRIP) to help offset your expense. Some of our families are having their extended families participate to help defray the cost. Call the office for details.

The last weekend of December we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family. Let our New Year honor the blessed families, His and ours. As we enter into this short season of Ordinary Time in our liturgical calendar, may we as followers of Christ spend time together in extraordinary ways. We do believe our God is here!

I wish you God's peace for the New Year to you and those you love!

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