## **CM** Announcements

### Registration is still open!

Registration is open for families to register their children (PreK-12) for Catechetical Ministry (CM)

CM is offered by SJCCM for the purpose of growing our youth in Catholic theological, moral, and social teaching to develop well-rounded and active members in the Church

# Classes this year will take place from 3-4:15 PM followed by English Mass from 4:30-5:30 PM

Registration fees for this year have been waived, so please register now by following the link on the SJCCM website, or visit sjccm.org/cm/

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to Damian Wang at dswang27@gmail.com

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### Special dates:

Sunday, Aug 15 CM Registration Deadline

Sunday, Aug 29 Parents and PTA Meeting

Saturday, Sept 11 CM Welcome BBQ

Cuesta Park in Mountain View

12:00 - 4:30 PM

ALL FAMILY & FRIENDS welcome to attend

Food will be provided with fun group activities

Sunday, Sep 19 First Day of CM!

PreK - Grade 2

Teachers: Sarah Ku, Amy Bau, Nancy Ho, Joanne Chao, Rainbow Lau

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori faith formation program that provides the children with concrete materials that help them reflect on the life of Jesus. CGS guides the children through the liturgical year and offers opportunities to learn the various elements of the mass.

Grades 3 & 4

**Teachers: Stella Wong and Ricky Chan** 

CM 3&4 promotes community building and having fun, while learning about our Catholic Faith.

Lessons will be centered around the Liturgical seasons of the Church. Kids will also explore and apply stories from the Bible to their everyday life. We will use a variety of resources including St. Mary's Press-The Catholic Children's Bible, Loyola Press- Catholic Signs & Symbols and Finding Gods, which will allow our kids to learn independently while encouraging participation as a community.

#### **Grade 5**

### **Teachers: Daniel Wang and Anne Lu**

CM 5 focuses on strengthening our relationship with God through sacramental life in church, so we are better to live like Jesus in making choices for God and others. We enter into a new way of life when we celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation. Through the Sacraments we live more fully in the Holy Spirit as members of the Church, united in diversity under magisterium. The fullness of our life in Jesus Christ will find completion at the Last Judgement when we face our Savior.

Throughout the school year, we discuss the seven Sacraments in three categories. First, we discuss Sacraments of Initiation that lay the foundation of our Christine life, including Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Then we discuss Sacraments of Healing that celebrate the healing power of Jesus, including Penance and Anointing of the Sick. Lastly, we discuss the Sacraments at the Service of Communion that help members to serve the community, including Holy Orders and Matrimony.

#### **Grade 6**

### **Teachers: Judy and Michael Chin**

For this upcoming year, the CM 6 curriculum will cover the New Testament (Gospel according to Mark in its entirety with cross reference to the other three Gospels), ACTs, Letters, and the Book of Revelation.

We will also go over the Church Tradition, prayers (Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and other prayers), and Saints. We will use The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website for the Bible materials.

Grade 7-9

**Teachers: Claire Lin and Guest Lecturers** 

CM 7-9 (including Confirmation Year 1) will present an exciting new model of utilizing a core curriculum followed by elective topics selected by the students. The goals of this year include building community, fostering curiosity, and deepening faith in preparation to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Students will take ownership of their faith formation by creating their course content, while being guided by the instructors in discovering answers to their questions.

**Grades 10** 

**Teacher: Becky Newby** 

Preparation for Confirmation is a two-year process starting in CM 9 and ending with CM 10. The focus of CM 10 is to prepare students to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring. The material includes the Sacraments of the Church, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, the lives of the saints, and active participation in the SJCCM English Liturgy.

Grade 11 & 12

**Teacher: Damian Wang** 

CM 12 focuses on the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church. The curriculum will incorporate materials from various sources including Bishop Robert Barron, the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching, and scripture.

The students in this class will also be expected to serve and actively participate in the SJCCM English liturgy.

### **Watermark Youth Program**

Youth Ministers: Claire Lin, Becky Newby, and Damian Wang

Watermark is a high school youth group that was founded in 1993 as part of the San Jose Chinese Catholic Mission (SJCCM). As Watermark, we strive to impress a mark on everyone we encounter to show the authenticity and transformative power of our Catholic faith.

We hold activities throughout the year and all high school CM students are welcome to attend and invite their friends.