



St. Anthony of Padua  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic School Parent,

We would like to take this opportunity to tell you about the Sacramental Preparation Program at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Parish. This program is for children preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. In the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese, the Sacramental Preparation Program is attended at the home parish by Faith Formation, Catholic School, and Home School students together. *It is a separate registration and program from your child's regular catechesis through the school.* The traditional time for sacramental preparation is in second grade, although many children in third through eighth grade also participate. Preparation for these sacraments begins in September and continues through April/May with your child's First Holy Communion.

**Even though your child may attend St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School, you will still need to register for the Sacramental Preparation Program at the Parish.**

We are offering early registration for the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School Families. Please contact Jennifer Rush at [jrush@ap.church](mailto:jrush@ap.church) for more information.

The requirements for the Sacramental Preparation Program at St. Anthony of Padua are:

- Enrolled in 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade and be at least 7 years old by September 1, 2023
- Baptized Catholic
- Provide a copy of your child's Baptismal and Birth Certificates
- Enrollment in and regular attendance at Catholic School or Parish Faith Formation classes in 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.
- A commitment to attend all Sacramental Preparation Program Group Sessions and completion of the Sacramental Preparation Home Study. The Sacramental Preparation Program schedule will be provided to you at registration.

We look forward to partnering with you to prepare your children to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion next school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us and we will be happy to help you.

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