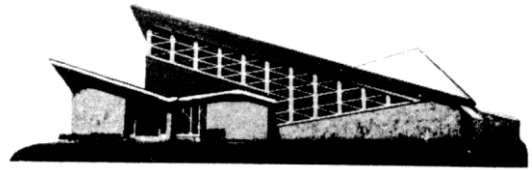


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Dear Parents and Guardians:

St. John the Evangelist Parish currently offers a catechism program for elementary students (gr. 1-7) who attend public, private and alternate schools. Our program is called the Parish Home Catechism Program (PHCP).

The St. John the Evangelist PHCP has been running successfully for decades. Now, we are ready to branch out to all parish families. In order to be more inclusive, and to help all children of the parish become more actively involved in the life of St. John the Evangelist Parish, we would like to invite your children to participate in the Parish Home Catechism Program beginning in September 2021.

The faith formation program we use for PHCP is called the Gospel Weeklies (Pflaum). Since introducing this family catechesis program in 2019, we have determined that the Gospel Weeklies align very well with our parish faith learning goals, particularly in the areas of The Sacraments, Bible Study and Lectio Divina. The lessons in the Gospel Weeklies are beautifully in sync with the cycles of the liturgical calendar and are centred on Christ's teachings in the Sunday Gospels. By involving as many parish families as possible in family catechesis, we can better support your child to feel connected to the parish community, to develop a strong faith foundation, and to become more active members of the Church.

In order to prepare for September, please contact Mrs. Cathy Dykeman, PHCP Coordinator at 905-706-1126 or [cdykeman.phcp@gmail.com](mailto:cdykeman.phcp@gmail.com) by **Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**, if you are interested in participating in PHCP. Book orders must be placed in mid-July. Thank you.

Yours in Christ,

Father Francisco Fernandez Siles  
Pastor

➤ Please read page 2 of this document for more information regarding the *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies*.

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# ***Pflaum Gospel Weeklies***

*The Gospel Weeklies  
program differs  
from other  
catechesis programs  
in a number of  
significant ways  
that make it an  
effective way to  
teach our children.*

*The Gospel Weeklies  
are in conformity  
with the Catechism  
of the Catholic  
Church.*



## **The Special Features of the *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies* include:**

**LITURGICAL CATECHESIS** is a method of instruction that integrates faith formation lessons with the life of the parish community experienced in the Sunday Eucharist. The content of the program flows from the Sunday Gospel and how children learn their faith within the rhythms of the liturgical year – Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time.

**SUNDAY MASS** is the heart of the parish community. In the Weeklies program we will study the Gospel that was proclaimed at Sunday Mass. With this program all students and their families hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As a faith community together we will learn, love, and share the Gospel in our daily lives.

**FAMILY INVOLVEMENT** The whole family can easily share in the learning because all children are studying lessons based on the Gospel proclaimed in church on Sunday.

**UNIQUE MATERIALS** The Weeklies do not use a traditional textbook. At the first PHCP class, each student receives a “catechism handbook” called *What the Church Believes and Teaches* that contains all the doctrinal elements considered essential at each grade level. Each week your child will receive a new lesson magazine/leaflet dated for each Sunday of the liturgical year from September until the end of April. These lessons are at the heart of the program and will be used in class, and then brought home for you to see and talk about with your children.

**FOUR EDITIONS** The Weeklies follow the three cycles of the Gospel readings in four (4) editions used in the following grade levels:

Grade 1 - Promise  
Grades 2/3 – Good News  
Grades 4/5/6 – Venture  
Grade 7 - Visions

**ONLINE RESOURCES** Free resources designed for families include *The Gospels At Home*, which is a weekly summary of the Sunday Gospel and suggestions for you to use at home.