

Dear Parents,

Thank you for being a part of the First Communion Faith Formation Program. We are truly delighted that you have chosen to join our parish family. This guide is organized by month and designed to assist you throughout the year.

The following is the calendar's detailed explanation

- At-Coleman Center: These are the lessons that will be covered at the Coleman Center on the specified dates.
- At-Home Activity: These activities must be completed at home and finished by the next meeting. It's ideal for the whole family to participate.
 - Root for Children: This guidebook will support you in supporting your child.
 - Family Assignments: Assignments that require the all the family to participate
- Home Activities:
 - Have your child keep a journal, composition book, notebook or simply add some pages to a binder to write the answers to your questions in one place.
 - For your kit assignments, please take a picture and email them to smorales@olglahabra.org with your child's full name and grade or have your child add those pictures to their journal.
 - Only completed assignments will be credited.

Important Holy Days of Obligation

(A Catholic requirement to attend Mass)

• CCC 1389: The Church obliges the faithful to participate in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and feast days, prepared by the sacrament of Reconciliation.

All Saturday Vigil Masses or Sundays

2025 - 2026 Schedule:

- December 8, 2025 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- December 25, 2025 The Nativity of the Lord
- January 1, 2026 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
- December 8, 2026 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- December 25, 2026 The Nativity of the Lord

Mass Slips

For every Holy Day of Obligation, and after the first year of the faith formation program, please have your child write a prayer on their Mass slip before Mass. Place the slip in the basket on the first step of the sanctuary. If you do not attend OLG, please write your child's name, grade, and whether it is a Monday or Tuesday class. Turn it in during the next class.

Your child must know the following prayers

• All children are required to know the following basic prayers: The Sign of the Cross, the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be, the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel, and the Act of Contrition.



Attendance

If you and your child are scheduled for a session, you must sign in at the Coleman Center and in your child's classroom.

Parents must sign out when only your child has a lesson. Only you or the designated emergency contact may sign them out after class.

• Absences, Excuses, Late entries

- A maximum of three absences is allowed. If you fail to call before your child's session, the absence will not be excused.
- Two valid excuses are permitted. Please notify me before the day of the class to have your absence considered excused.
- Your child is marked "Tardy" (late) after 5 minutes have passed since the start of class. If a student is late two times, it will be counted as one absence. As a reminder, late children disrupt the entire class.

Bathroom Breaks

- Please have your child use the restrooms before the beginning of class.
- The bathrooms in the school grounds are for children only.

Security

- The main gates leading to the school grounds will be closed to all vehicles.
- Adults who have not been live scanned or trained through OLG are not permitted to linger on school grounds. Please
 enter through the side gate five minutes before the end of class.
- All children must be dropped off and signed in or out by the adult(s) listed on the registration form. Other adults or minors will not be able to take your child. If you would like to add additional adults to your list, please notify me immediately.
- Your child has been practicing lockdown drills with their catechists, followed by an actual practice with all the classes in the Coleman Center. Please speak with your child about taking these drills seriously.
- The adult catechists will also review lockdown drills with you in the Coleman Center, and you will have the opportunity to practice as well.
 - Ensuring the safety of all parishioners and their families is extremely important to us. Please support us as we take proactive measures to ensure everyone's safety.



SEPTEMBER 2025

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 Safe Environment Session SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 Safe Environment Session SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 Safe Environment Session

Children ONLY -Please take them to class and sign them out at the end of each session

SEMPTEMBER 29, 2025 - SEEK - SESSION 1 (SEEKER)

Please don't forget to sign your child into class and you sign in to Coleman Center.

- At Coleman Center Session 1
- Home Activity: Children's Adventure Guide Book: Our Compass Session 1
 - Family Assignment: How will you add Jesus to your bedtime ritual?



OCTOBER 2025

OCTOBER 13, 2025 - SEEK - SESSION 2 (CREATED)

Please don't forget to sign your child into class and you sign in to Coleman Center.

- Assignment to share How did you add Jesus to your bedtime ritual?
- At-Coleman Center Session 2
- Home Activity: Children's Adventure Guide Book: Our Compass Session 2
 - Family Assignment: Take a walk together and discuss what God has created for you. Draw a picture of your what you learned.

OCTOBER 27, 2025 - SEEK - SESSION 3 (FOUND)

Please don't forget to sign your child into class and you sign in to Coleman Center.

- Assignment to share Share your picture of your journey with your family
- At-Coleman Center Session 3
- Home Activity: Children's Adventure Guide Book: Our Compass Session 3
 - Family Assignment: With the help of the whole family, draw a family picture.



NOVEMBER 2025

NOVEMBER 3, 2025 - SEEK - SESSION 4 (CHOSEN)

Please don't forget to sign your child into class and you sign in to Coleman Center.

- Assignment to share Your drawing!
- At-Coleman Center Session 4
- Home Activity: Children's Adventure Guide Book: Our Compass Session 4
 - Family Assignment: With your family on a quiet day, visit Jesus at the tabernacle and talk to Jesus as a family.





December 2025

DECEMBER 8, 2025 - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Visit olglahabra.org for the mass times
- Don't forget to turn in your child's prayer slip inside the basket located on the first step of the sanctuary or turn in a bulletin from another Catholic parish to the catechist.



DECEMBER 14, 2025 - FAMILY ADVENT MOVIE

Where: Mercado from 6:30 p.m - 8:30 p.m

- Family Movie Night: La Pastorela: The Shepherds' Tale
- Bring your chairs or blankets. Food vendors will be available
- Build an Advent Wreath hat at the craft table.



January 2026

JANUARY 5, 2026 - ROOT - TIME IS HOLY

Please don't forget to sign your child into class and you sign in to Coleman Center.

- Assignments to share Explain the Immaculate conception
- At-Coleman Center Session "Time is Holy"
- Home Activity: Talk as a family and discuss for 10 minutes why it is important to attend mass
 - Family Assignment: Create a prayer space in the house where the family could go and pray.



JANUARY 26, 2026 - ROOT - SESSION 1

Please don't forget to sign your child into class and you sign in to Coleman Center.

- Assignment to share Share a picture of your prayer space and explain why it is important to attend mass.
- At-Coleman Center Session 1
- Home Activity: Reading Assignment: Root For Parents Introduction, complete 1.1 1.5
 - Root for Children: Family Meeting 1
 - Family Assignment: Explain to each other How is God like a rock? Talk to each other and how is your family as a rock?



February 2026

FEBRUARY 9, 2026 - Holiday (No session) FEBRUARY 16, 2026 - Holiday (No session)

FEBRUARY 23, 2026 - Lent Lesson

Children ONLY -Please take them to class and sign them out at the end of class.

- Assignments to share Explain how God is like a rock
- Parents DATE NIGHT





March 2026

MARCH 9, 2026 - ROOT - SESSION 2

Please don't forget to sign your child into class and you sign in to Coleman Center.

- Assignments to share Explain how God is like a rock
- At-Coleman Center Session 2
- Home Activity: Reading Assignment: Root For Parents 2.1 2.5
 - Root for Children: Family Meeting 2
 - Family Assignment How can your be the light of the world?

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026 - STATIONS OF THE CROSS (REQUIRED) Sign In with your child's catechist

MARCH 16 - MARCH 20, 2026 - SPRING BREAK No Sessions

MARCH 23, 2026 - ROOT - SESSION 3

Please don't forget to sign your child into class and you sign in to Coleman Center.

- Assignments to share What did you do this break to be someone's light?
- At-Coleman Center Session 3
- At-Home Reading Assignment: Root For Parents 3.1 3.5
 - Root for Children: Family Meeting 3
 - Family Assignment As a family, what is your favorite thing to do?



April 2026

APRIL 13, 2026 - ROOT - SESSION 4

Please don't forget to sign your child into class and you sign in to Coleman Center

- Share your Assignment From your journal, share what is your favorite thing to do?
- At-Coleman Center Session 4
- Home Activity: Reading Assignment: Root For Parents 4.1 4.6
 - Root for Children: Family Meeting 4
 - Family Assignment On a quiet day, visit Jesus in the tabernacle and as a family talk to Jesus for 15 minutes.

APRIL 27, 2026 - ROOT - SESSION 5

Please don't forget to sign your child into class and you sign in to Coleman Center

- Assignments to share How did it feel talking to Jesus in church?
- At-Coleman Center Session 5
- Home Activity Reading Assignment: Root For Parents 5.1 5.5
 - Root for Children: Family Meeting 5
 - Family Assignment From one of these elements (oil, water, fire, cloud, light, or dove) AND draw a picture of what you think the Holy Spirit looks like.

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May 2026

MAY 11, 2026 - ROOT - SESSION 6

Please don't forget to sign your child into class and you sign in to Coleman Center

- Assignment to share Share your drawing
- At-Coleman Center Session 6
- Home Activity Reading Assignment: Root For Parents 6.1 Conclusion
 - Root for Children: Family Meeting 6
 - Family Assignment God is always with us! He give us heaven as our home! Send me a drawing on what you think heaven looks like - email your homework to smorales@olglahabra.org



