

#### 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.
- Home Activity: These activities must be completed at home and finished by the next meeting. It's ideal for the whole family to participate.
  - Mend Guide: This guidebook will support you in supporting your child.
  - Nourish Guide: This guidebook will support you in supporting your child.
- 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.
- Family Activities / Check In: These include drawings, expressions, or explanations based on the completed lessons from during the previous family meeting.

### **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 9, 2025 Safe Environment Session SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 Safe Environment Session SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 Safe Environment Session

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



### **OCTOBER 2025**

OCTOBER 07, 2025 - Lectio Divina / Celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation Please don't forget to sign your child into class and you sign in to Coleman Center.

- Children to Assigned Classroom
- Parents to Coleman Center
  - Collect your Mend Boxes for your Home Activity Assignments
- Home Activity
  - Practice Lectio Divina
  - o Read the Mend booklet: <u>Parent Meeting, Parent Guide</u>
  - Complete: Family Meeting 1 and Family Meeting 2
    - Family Activity
      - Check-In 1: What was the best part of your day so far?
        - Take a picture of your activity and prepare to share the Check-In Questions
      - Check-In 2: What was one kind thing someone did for you today?
        - Take pictures of the apples that were colored in and share something about the lesson.

### OCTOBER 21, 2025 - MEND - SESSION 1

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

- Children to Assigned Classroom
- Parents to Coleman Center Session 1
  - o Discuss Lectio Divina, Family Meeting 1 and Family Meeting 2
- Home Activity: Mend booklet Read and Complete <u>Family meeting 3 and Family meeting 4</u>
  - Family Activity
    - Check-In 3: What was the best part of your day so far?
      - Take a picture of your activity and prepare to share the Check-In Questions
    - Check-In 4: What was 1 kind thing someone did for you today?
      - Take pictures of the apples that were colored in and share something about the lesson.







### **NOVEMBER 2025**

NOVEMBER 18, 2025 - MEND - SESSION 2

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

- Children to Assigned Classroom
- Parents to Coleman Center Session 2
  - Discuss Lectio Divina, Lessons 3 and 4
- Home Activity: Mend booklet Read and Complete <u>Family meetings 5, 6, and 7</u>
  - Family Activity
    - Check-In 5: If you could be any age right now, what ate would you choose to be and why?
      - Take a picture of your activity and prepare to share the Check-In Questions
    - Check-In 6: What is 1 thing that made you happy today and 1 thing that made you sad?
      - Take a picture of your activity and prepare to share the Check-In Questions.
    - Check-In 7: What is 1 kind thing you did for someone else today?
      - Take a picture of your activity and prepare to share the Check-In Questions.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025 - Mend Mini-Retreat (Required)

Check in: 11:30 a.m. - Ending at 4:00 p.m.

Please bring:

- your assignments for <u>Family Meetings 5, 6, and 7</u>
- Bring your own lunch and Parents
- Student and Parent/s or guardian

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## 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.

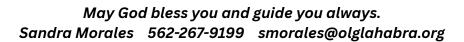


### **DECEMBER 14, 2025 - FAMILY ADVENT MOVIE**

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 13, 2026 - NOURISH

- Lectio Divina / Review the Sacrament of Reconciliation / Celebrate the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist
- Please don't forget to sign your child into class and you sign in to Coleman Center.
- Children to Assigned Classroom
- Parents to Coleman Center
  - What have you learned from the retreat and what will you do from now on?
  - Collect your Nourish Boxes for your Home Activity Assignments

### Home Activity

- o Practice Lectio Divina
- Read the Nourish booklet: Parent Guide An Invitation
- o Complete: Family Meeting 1 and Family Meeting 2
  - Family Activity
    - Meeting 1: What part of your home reminds you of Jesus?
    - Take a picture of your activity and prepare to share.
    - Meeting 2: Answer Check-In Questions
- Prepare to share the Family Actvity in the next session.



## February 2026

### FEBRUARY 3, 2026 - LENT (Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving)

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

- Assignment to Share: Nourish, Check In for <u>Family Meeting 1</u> and <u>Family Meeting 2</u>, and what was learned in both lessons.
- Children to Assigned Classroom
- Parents to Coleman Center: Why is a Lenten Journey so Important?

### Home Activity:

- Read and Complete Family Meeting 2 and Family Meeting 3
- Complete the lenten promise calendar as a family.

FEBRUARY 17, 2026 - Holiday (No session)

### FEBRUARY 18, 2026 - Ash Wednesday (Day of Fasting)

- No sessions
- Begin your Lenten Calendar Promise





### **March 2026**

MARCH 3, 2026 - NOURISH - SESSION 1

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

- Assignments to share Activities from Family Meeting 2 and Family meeting 3
- Los niños al salón de clases asignado
- <sup>†</sup> os padres al Centro Coleman
- Home Activity: Read and Complete <u>Family Meeting 4</u> and <u>Family Meeting 5</u>
  - Prepare to share the Check-In questions for <u>Family Meeting 4</u> and <u>Family Meeting 5</u> in the next group/class session.

**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 24, 2026 - Nourish Family Activity - No Parent Session - No Student Session at OLG

- Go to a Catholic Church. Find a saint on the glass window or wall. Find out more about that saint. As a family draw a picture and write a brief story about that saint.
  - Answer these questions:
    - When was the saint canonized?
    - Who/what is the saint the patron saint of?
    - What important work did they do?
  - In addition, answer these questions.
    - Who is the Holy Pope? Where is he from?
    - Who were the recently canonized people?
- Turn it in to your catechist in the next session.

## **April 2026**

APRIL 21, 2026 - NOURISH - SESSION 2

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

- Assignments to share Activities from Family Meeting 4 and Family meeting 5
- Los niños al salón de clases asignado
- Los padres al Centro Coleman
- Home Activity: Read and Complete <u>Family Meeting 6</u> and <u>Family Meeting 7</u>
  - Prepare to share the Check-In questions for Family Meeting 6 and Family Meeting 7 in the next group/class session.







## **May 2026**

### MAY 5, 2026 - NOURISH - SESSION 3

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

- Assignments to share Activities from Family Meeting 6 and Family meeting 7
- Los niños al salón de clases asignado
- Los padres al Centro Coleman
- Home Activity: Read and Complete Family Meeting 8 and Family Meeting 9
  - Prepare to share the Check-In questions for <u>Family Meeting 8</u> and <u>Family Meeting 9</u> in the next group/class session.

### Thursday, May 21, 2026 - Service for First Reconciliation

- Check in at 4:45 p.m. in Jason's Plaza
- Parents or guardian only with student

### MAY 30, 2026 - NOURISH MINI-RETREAT (Required)

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

- Check in: 11:00 a.m. Ending at 4:00 p.m.
- Please bring:
  - Your assignments for Family Meetings 8 and Family Meeting 9
  - Bring your own lunch and Parents
  - Student and Parent/s or guardian
  - Bring yout Family Meeting 10. It will be completed in the Coleman Center



## **June 2026**

### **MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026**

- FIRST COMMUNION ENGLISH REHEARSAL 6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.
  - 5:30 p.m. Check in at Jason's Plaza

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026**

- FIRST COMMUNION SPANISH REHEARSAL 6:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.
  - o 5:30 p.m. Check in at Jason's Plaza

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026**

- FIRST COMMUNION
  - TIME: TBD

