



SANTA MARIA DE LA PAZ

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH

Formed as Disciples, Called to Accompany

A REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

*Invest in your faith. Strengthen your family.
Inspire your child or candidate.*



Per the policy of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe:

Regarding the Sacrament of the Eucharist (First Communion):

"It is the responsibility of parishes to provide programs for all children and parents preparing for the celebration of First Reconciliation and the First Eucharist."

Regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation:

"Parents or guardians of Confirmation candidates are expected to participate in any meetings or classes required by the parish," and "Sponsors should participate in sessions with candidates, and they are expected to participate in sessions specifically designed for sponsors."

The Church recognizes that parents are the primary educators of their children in the faith, and sponsors are called to be active witnesses and companions on the journey of discipleship.

Ideally, every parent and sponsor welcomes the opportunity to continue growing in the Catholic faith, recognizing that faith formation is a lifelong journey and does not end with one's own reception of the sacraments.

Because parents and sponsors play such an important role in the faith formation of children and young people, the Archdiocese asks parishes to provide meaningful opportunities for ongoing adult formation and expects those parents/guardians and sponsors of children and youth preparing for the sacraments to participate as part of their sacred responsibility.

Accordingly, **all parents/guardians** of children preparing for First Holy Communion, as well as all parents/guardians and sponsors of Confirmation candidates, are **required to attend and actively participate in at least one ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UNIT** offered during the 2026–2027 program year. (See back of flyer for more details)

We encourage you to view this not simply as a requirement, but as an invitation to **deepen** your relationship with Christ, **enrich** your understanding of the Catholic faith, and **strengthen** your ability to accompany your child or candidate on his or her journey of faith.

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ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | UNIT 1

JESUS AND THE *Jewish Roots* OF THE EUCCHARIST



TUESDAY EVENINGS

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

MSGR. JEROME PARISH HALL

SEPT. 8	Ch. 1 – The Mystery of the Last Supper
SEPT. 15	Ch. 2 – What were the Jewish people waiting for?
SEPT. 22	Ch. 3 – The New Passover
SEPT. 29	Ch. 4 – The Manna of the Messiah
OCT. 6	Ch. 5 – The Bread of the Presence
OCT. 13	Ch. 6 – The Fourth Cup and the Death of Jesus
OCT. 20	Ch. 7 – The Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith
OCT. 27	Ch. 8 – On the Road to Emmaus

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ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | UNIT 2

— A FAMILY FORMATION SERIES —

BECOMING HUMAN:

A Christian Vision for Living Our Best Life

SERIES ONE: BUILDING BLOCKS: FOUNDATIONS FOR FLOURISHING

In this first series, we will explore Jesus' vision for our flourishing and the roots of our identity and destiny in Him.

The mornings will include time for
prayer, teaching, and creativity!

As part of the workshop, Fr. Chris, an accomplished artist, will guide everyone through an art project exploring the beauty of creation and our unique place in it!

No art experience or perceived talent needed!

All art supplies provided.



SATURDAYS:
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 • OCTOBER 10, 2026 • NOVEMBER 21, 2026
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

MSGR. JEROME PARISH HALL

*Pre-registration
is required.*

\$20

Registration fee
covers the cost
of art supplies.

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ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | UNIT 3

A FAMILY FORMATION SERIES

BECOMING HUMAN:

A Christian Vision for Living Our Best Life

SERIES TWO: RESTORATION AND NEW BEGINNING FOR MARRIAGE:

*Discover the path for healing and
new life in your marriage*

Looking for a new beginning in your marriage?

Join us for a three-day intensive workshop
dedicated to the healing, restoration, and
development of your marriage.

Discover God's plan, restore the original spark,
resolve on-going conflicts, and discover the
path to a kind of marriage you can show-up
for with **joy**.

*Christopher Charleton, LCSW, a family therapist,
with over 30 years experience in this work will facilitate.*

JANUARY 2027 (dates TBD)

THURSDAY – SATURDAY

(time TBD)

MSGR. JEROME PARISH HALL

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All married couples are welcome!

