

Religious Education Registration

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register for classes? We offer online registration from March 1 to September 30 at sjavb.org. Payment can be made with PayPal or credit card. Forms are available to print at sjavb.org, then mail or drop off (cash and check only) to the parish office at 1968 Sandbridge Road, VB 23456. Forms are available at the church office during office hours - Monday-Thursday from 9-4:00 pm (closed 12-1:00 pm for lunch) and Fridays 9-12:00 pm.

What forms do I need to turn in? Please turn in the *Parent and Student Information form* (one box for each child), the *Parent and Older Teen Volunteer Ministry form*, and, if needed, the *Information for Additional Students form*. No incomplete forms will be accepted.

Do I have to be a registered St. John's parishioner to participate in the religious education classes? YES. Your family must be registered in our parish prior to enrolling your child in religious education classes. You may pick up a parish registration packet at the Welcome Desk at weekend Masses, parish office or online at sjavb.org.

What is my 4-digit or 5-digit envelope ID? Also called a "Parish ID number", this is the 4-digit number or 5-digit number your family was assigned after you registered for the parish. The number can be found on your parish envelopes or by calling the parish office.

What are the fees? From March 1 - May 31 – the fee is \$80 per family; From June 1 – August 31 – the fee is \$100 per family; From September 1 and later – the fee is \$150 per family. Family = 1 or more children in the family. Please see registration form for additional deadline information.

Do I have to pay the entire fee at the time of registration? Yes, the entire fee is expected at the time of registration. Your registration will not be processed without payment. If this is a financial hardship, please contact John Domingo at JDomingo@sjavb.org for special consideration and reduced fee.

Who do I make the check payable to? *St. John the Apostle*

When do classes start? Classes will begin the end of September and class assignments will be sent by email a week prior to the start of class.

What days are classes held? Classes are held on Sunday from 12:45-2:00 pm and Monday from 6:15-7:30 pm. We also offer a Homeschool program.

Where are classes held? Classes are held at the SJA school.

I've never been in the SJA school. How will I find the classroom? We will have table monitors located at the entrance of the school to assist you.

How/When do I get notified about which class my child is in? We will email you classroom assignments a week prior to the start of class. The Religious Education class calendar will be online at sjavb.org.

I want my child to be in the same class as his/her friend? I want my child to have a specific teacher? Please indicate any special requests on the *Student Information form*. Special requests will not be taken after September 1.

Can I homeschool my child? Yes, we offer the option of home instruction via an online program using the same textbook series (Faith & Life) that we use in our classes. Online access is provided by MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com. There is no option for online instruction for students in Kindergarten, Second grade or those preparing for the sacraments (i.e. Baptism, First Penance, First Communion) Please indicate the "Homeschool" option on the Student Information form.

What if my child has (learning or physical) special needs? Children of Light Ministry is a ministry to students with special needs (physical, emotional, intellectual) and their families. We meet with parents and students to determine the best preparation for their religious instruction. Any other specific questions about Children of Light should be directed to the DRE, John Domingo at JDomingo@sjavb.org.

I am interested in the Children of Light ministry? Please contact John Domingo at JDomingo@sjavb.org.

I have a child in high school (specifically 9th grade)...what do you offer for him/her? While we don't offer formal religious education classes for High School students, there are several ministries that cater to that age group i.e. youth group activities, mission trips throughout the year and the Steubenville Youth Atlanta Conference in the summer. Please email youthminister@sjavb.org for additional information.

When will my child receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? In the Diocese of Richmond, a student can begin preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the 10th grade OR 16 years of age. Please watch the weekly Mass bulletin for registration information or email questions to John Domingo at JDomingo@vbsja.org.