

**This session's objectives:**

- To help parents understand their role as primary catechists in the lifelong faith development of their children
- To assist candidates in thinking about Confirmation's place in their overall spiritual growth, from Baptism into the rest of their lives
- To explore the role of Mass as a response we make because of our faith and its importance for our salvation, spiritual well-being and service to others

**This session's program:**

1. **Name-tag pick-up and Icebreaker** 10 min 6:45  
 - student nametags & parent sign-in will be on tables; turn in late papers/forms  
 - *Icebreaker: Expressions of Faith questionnaire for candidate and parent pairs*
2. **Welcome & Introductions / Opening Prayer** 10 min 6:55  
 Responsory for Early Advent, contemplation with images of the Holy Family
3. **Remarks by Fr. Jason Malave** 10 min 7:05
4. **Baptism / Catholic Identity** Rachel (discussion & presentation) 15 min 7:15  
 - slides with "what shows we are Catholic?" challenge and Baptism photos -  
*candidates and parents reminisce on candidate's baptism:  
 when/where was it? who was there? stories, etc., as well as memories  
 of other baptisms attended as a family (cousins, nieces & nephews)*
5. **Split to Language Groups** English upstairs, Spanish downstairs 5 min 7:30
6. **Parent Panel** moderated by Rachel/Fr. Jason 15 min 7:35
7. **Videos on the Mass** 10 min 7:50  
 English: [Remain In Me Session 3](#) and [Bored at Mass?](#)  
 Spanish: [¿Como hago para participar bien?](#) & [¿Por que ir a la misa?](#)
8. **Mass Verbs Breakout** Parents & Candidates 25 min 8:00  
 - each pair chooses a verb card to write about on the question sheet (10 minutes)  
 - can share responses with table, discuss where different actions occur during  
 Mass (15 minutes); help each other or flag down a catechist!  
 - can use overview on pp. 104-105 of the textbook to review structure of Mass
9. **Reminders and Closing Prayer** 5 min 8:25  
 - book/journal/crossword **homework** assigned at previous class  
 - launch of Father Jim Kaczorowski Loving Service Award **application**  
 - pray **Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

**Homework & Reminders for Candidates:**

- **finish handouts** and continue the conversation about how you express your faith
- **bring back to next class** your folder, your Bible, your book, your journal, any forms and Name Papers still out
- next class is **Monday, December 11** (Track A / Religious Ed) or **Wednesday & Friday, December 13 & 15** (Track B / Q of Angels School)
- **service hours** forms due in mid-January