

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Faith Level Catechists and Parents

RE: ST CATHERINE OF SIENA FAITH LEVEL CATECHISM

“Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.” – Phil. 4:8 NIV.

It is so easy to become fearful and negative in today’s world. Listening to the news, reading the newspapers, can be a depressing reminder of the current situation worldwide. I believe it’s so important, amidst the worry of our daily lives, to focus our hearts and minds on God and our faith.

The country is now on Level 3 and all our lives has been influenced by this virus in some way. Some of us lost loved ones, friends, neighbours, colleagues and acquaintances. We are all saddened by the passing on of our dear and loving Faith Level 1 teacher and sister, Lorraine Hanslo. She will remain forever in our hearts, Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

To keep abreast of changes and to manage risks to the best of our abilities, we will continue with the way classes was set-up in 2020. This is to protect you, your family and our parish community, especially our parish children against the spread of the virus. We appreciate your continued cooperation and commitment.

The catechism year for 2021 will start on Sunday; 7 March 2021. Classes will alternate every 2nd Sunday; thus, ensuring that we always keep our distance comfortably. However, the Faith Level 3 and 4 classes of 2020 will have a head-start on Sunday, 28 February 2021. Please follow the schedule for guidance. Mass will be celebrated at 10h15 every Sunday, for those children and teachers who attended catechism classes.

First Holy Communion celebration for the **class of 2020**, will take place in two parts; on **Sunday; 11 April 2021**.

- 1st Group Mass at 08h00
- 2nd Group Mass at 11h00

The groups will remain the same as previously discussed with teachers and parents. All Covid-19 protocols will be observed. Only 40 people per Mass will be allowed, that includes the clergy, candidates, teachers and parents.

The schedule will be as follows:

First Confession (Faith level 3) Class of 2020			
	Date	Class Time	Kids Mass Time
1.	Sunday, 28 February 2021	09h30	10h15
2.	Sunday, 7 March 2021	09h30	10h15



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FIRST CONFESSION FOR CLASS OF 2020

Saturday, 13 March 2021 at 10h00

(All Covid-19 protocols will be observed)

3	Sunday, 21 March 2021	09h30	10h15
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Important: On Sunday, 21 March 2021 the First Confession Class of 2020 will be transferred to their First Holy Communion Class for 2021

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION FOR CLASS OF 2020 WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, 11 APRIL 2021

1ST GROUP at 08H00

2ND GROUP at 11h00

1.	Sunday, 28 February 2021	09h30	10h15
2.	Sunday, 14 March 2021	09h30	10h15
3	Sunday, 28 March 2021	09h30	10h15

Confession for this class will take place on Saturday, 10 April 2021 at 10h00 for 1st group and 11h00 for 2nd group.

Important: On Sunday, 25 April 2021 the First Holy Communion Class of 2020 will be transferred to their Faith Level 5 Class for 2021

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FAITH LEVEL 3, 4, 6 and 7

	Date	Class Time	Mass Time
1.	Sunday, 7 March 2021	09h30	10h15
2.	Sunday, 21 March 2021	09h30	10h15
3.	Sunday, 18 April 2021 (<i>End of Term</i>)	09h30	10h15

FAITH LEVEL R, 1, 2 and 5

1.	Sunday, 14 March 2021	09h30	10h15
2.	Sunday, 28 March 2021	09h30	10h15
3.	Sunday, 18 April 2021 (<i>End of Term</i>)	09h30	10h15

Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic; classes will not be in-line with government schools.



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The following rules and regulations will be in place for children and teachers attending classes:

- No child will be allowed on church premises without a consent form signed by parent/guardian.
- Please note that no other person may sign this form on behalf of the parent/guardian.
- Form will be provided on the first day when Sundayschool commences.
- Children and teachers will be screened before entering the church building
- Temperature's will be taken and teachers will complete the necessary screening forms.
- All areas and surfaces will be sanitised
- Upon entering the classroom, all children's hands will be sanitized
- Windows and doors of each classroom will be open allowing for the best possible ventilation
- Children will be seated at least 1.5 meters apart
- Children and teachers must wear a protective face mask at all times, when inside and outside the church building
- Social distancing of 2 metres must be practiced at all times; with no physical contact, such as hand shaking and/or hugging.
- Children and teachers will at all times wear a face mask whilst teaching and when outside of the church building
- The classrooms will be cleaned regularly
- Teachers will please report any issues regarding hygiene, as soon as possible
- Teachers will ensure that their immediate working spaces and high touch areas, such as doorknobs; window handles are cleaned, before class start
- Each classroom area will be provided with a solution of ordinary bleach and water
- All hands must be washed regularly with soap and water; or disinfect hands with a hand sanitizer

Parents, please indicate your commitment to having your child/ren attend Faith Level classes by completing the attached declaration.

We look forward to welcoming our children back to class.

Estelle Pillay
Coordinator

Fr Emmanuel Okika
Parish Priest

