

Religious Education General Information, 2025-2026

Welcome to our Holy Ghost Religious Education program! We are happy to have you and your family participating and are committed to helping you prepare for the Sacraments and deepen your spiritual life and family formation. Our teachers are volunteer parishioners who have fulfilled the Archdiocesan requirement of Safe Environment training and have had a background check administered by a third party.

This year we will be offering classes at Two Levels of RE/Formation which will include the **O.C.I.C. (Order of Christian Initiation for Children, for the Un-Baptized)**. **Year 1** corresponds to second grade/age 7 above that are Baptized and have not received Reconciliation; and **Year 2** to third grade/age 8+ who have completed Year 1 and have received Baptism & Reconciliation. **OCIC** is also a 2-year program for children past the age of reason (usually 7) who **have not yet** received Baptism. Please note that children must be enrolled based on which Sacraments they have received, rather than their age. Therefore, we are prepared to adapt each curriculum to meet the needs of any older children who enroll.

- **Year 1 / OCIC Year 1** - Introduction to God, the Bible, and life of the Church; Salvation history, preparation for **First Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation)**
- **Year 2** - Preparation for **Confirmation** and reception of their **First Holy Communion** (Eucharist)
OCIC Year 2—Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation, and first Holy Communion received at the Easter Vigil (April 4, 2026).

This year, Holy Ghost will continue to a single class for each Year. We still invite parents and godparents to attend the class, to learn together, and to ensure we meet Archdiocesan Safe Environment standards. We will also offer adult formation and discussion opportunities as a break-out session during the children's class time throughout the year.

Classes will begin the weekend of Saturday, September 7, 2025. **First Confessions** will be held in the spring 2026 before Easter. Children may go to Confession with any of the priests from Holy Ghost, either by appointment or during a regularly scheduled confession time. The priest should be told that it is a first time Confession, and parents should notify the director of religious education of their child's First Confession. For **Confirmation and First Communion/OCIC Year 2** a retreat will be held in March, and the sacraments will be celebrated on Tuesday evening *April 16, 2026. OCIC Year 2 children in need of **Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion** will receive all their sacraments at the Easter Vigil, April 4, 2026. More details will follow. (* - Tentative)

Program Cost: \$40 for one child, \$70 for two children, or \$90 for three or more children in a family.

Documents to complete and submit to the office by **AUGUST 24, 2025:**

- Completed application(s) with parent contact information and a separate form for each child
- **Baptismal Certificates** of children enrolling at Holy Ghost for the first time
- Payment
- Parental Agreement of Commitment (signed)
- Photo release form (signed)

Documents to completed and submitted by **January 1, 2026:**

- Sponsor information form (for children preparing for Baptism or Confirmation this year)

Application for Religious Education, 2025-26

Holy Ghost Catholic Church

1900 California Street

Denver, CO 80202

Child's Information - Please **PRINT** Clearly

Last Name: _____

First + Middle: _____

AGE / DOB:

Grade/School:

Sacraments Already Received: ___ Baptism, ___ First Confession, ___ Confirmation, ___ Holy Communion

Date of Baptism:

Church of Baptism:

Church Address (if not HG)

Parent Information: If not living together, please indicate which parent child lives with

Father: _____

First

Last

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Mother: _____

First

Maiden Name

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Street

City, State, Postal Code

Registered Parishioner at Holy Ghost? YES ___ NO ___

****Children in Sacramental Preparation not baptized at Holy Ghost must present a Copy of Baptismal Certificate from Church of Baptism by end of December (a request form will be provided at parent orientation).**

Cost: ___1 child, \$40

___2 children, \$70

___3+ children, \$90

Office Use Only:

Date Received _____ Amount Paid _____ Cash ___ Check # _____ Online _____

Parental Commitment ___ Baptismal Certificate ___ Photo Release _____

Sponsor Forms _____ Saint Name _____

Holy Ghost Parish Sacramental Prep (RE/CCD) for 2025-2026

Level (Year) 1 – Baptized, need 1st Reconciliation / OCIC Yr 1

Level (Year) 2 – Baptized & Reconciliation & Need 1st Eucharist + Confirmation

Schedule for Fall 2025

July – August

Registration

August	TBD	<i>Parent Meeting</i>
September	7	Class
	14	Class
	21	Class
	28	Class
October	5	Class
	12	NO Class
	19	Class
	26	Class
November	2	Class
	9	Class
	16	Class
	23	Class
	30	NO Class
December	7	Class
	14	Class
	21	Class
	28	NO Class

Schedule for Winter/Spring 2026

January	4	Class
	11	Class
	18	Class
	25	Class
February	1	Class
	8	Class
	15	NO Class
	22	Class
March	1	Class
	8	Class
	15	Class
	22	Class
	29	Class
April	5	EASTER
	12	DM Sunday / Class
	19	Class
	26	Class
Confirmation Rehearsal – April 20		
Confirmation/1st Comm. Mass – April 21		
May	3	LAST Class