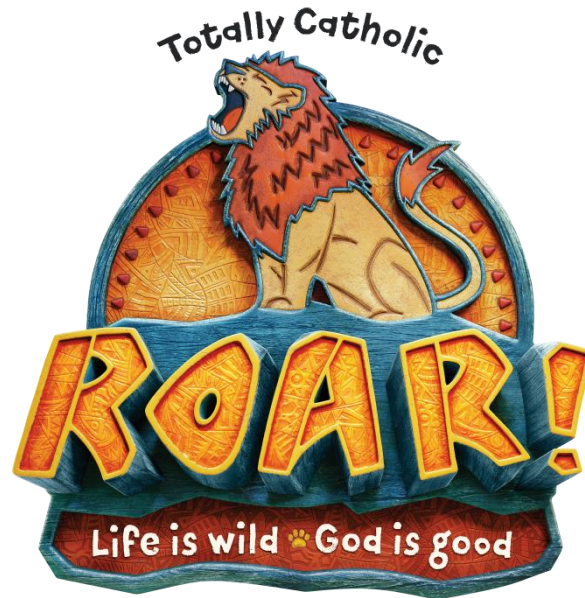


ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

INFORMATION/REGISTRATION PACKET



DATE: July 15 – 19, 2019  
TIME: 6:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Parish Activity Center (PAC)

# ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 10, 2019

Dear Parent(s)

We're so glad that you are interested in our Vacation Bible School Program. It promises to be a busy week at Roar! Totally Catholic VBS. This kid-tested, catechists-approved faith formation program is a wonderful way to help your little one learn more about our Catholic Faith in new and exciting ways!

Here is some information that may be helpful to you:

- We begin at 6:30 P.M. and end at 9:00 P.M. Please do not drop your child off before 6:20 P.M. Please try to drop your child off on time so that he or she doesn't miss a minute of fun. And we'd appreciate you picking him or her up on time too. **We'd really like to have you come early enough to be a part of our day. It begins at 8:40 P.M. each night and will be a great time to experience some of the fun at Roar! Totally Catholic VBS.**
- Have your child wear play clothes and closed toe shoes. He or she will be more comfortable, and we will be too.
- **Alert us immediately of any food allergies your child has.** This is very important as snacks are a part of our program. We can make necessary changes for your child, but we need advance notice.
- Please make us aware of any health conditions we may need to know about such as heart conditions, allergies, etc.
- Let us know if there is any other information concerning your child that will help us make the week an exciting, faith-filled, and successful week for your child.
- Please be sure you complete a registration form for each child participating in the program.
- Return completed forms to the parish office before **July 1, 2019.**
- Registration forms can only be accepted from Parents/ legal guardians.
- Parish must know in writing who will be responsible for picking up children from program.

Thanks for considering having your child to be a part of ROAR! Totally Catholic VBS. We are working hard to make it the best Catholic VBS ever!

**ROAR! TOTALLY CATHOLIC VBS DIRECTOR**



ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH VBS 2019

Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering in fall \_\_\_\_\_ :

Name of Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C)

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not want the parish to use your child's photograph in pictures on our web-site, in our Spotlight Drama presentations or e-mails to families, please notify Myra in writing.

The following person(s) may pick my child up from Vacation Bible School.

Deadline to register is JULY 1, 2018 \$25.00 Registration fee per child. Each family who registers will be provided with a copy of the VBS CD.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Crew number or name (for church use only): \_\_\_\_\_

## TIDBITS

An important step in preventing child abuse is that we enlist only staff members that we know, trust, and have attended and completed all necessary requirements by the Diocese and the parish. All staff and volunteers must attend training sessions and meet parish and diocesan guidelines before they are allowed to participate in our program.

**ROAR!** activities are designed so that children are always supervised by a station leader and several crew leaders.

When dropping off your child(ren) please park your car in the parking lot and walk them into the Parish Activity Center. **Please do not drop off students before 6:20 P.M.** Please do not leave your child unattended. Once they are safely in the building we accept responsibility for their well-being. When picking up your child, please park your car in the parking lot, come into the building and get your child(ren). **AT NO TIME SHOULD A CHILD BE ALLOWED TO WALK ALONE FROM OR TO A PARKED CAR IN THE PARKING LOT.**

We will do everything we can to make sure that we have a safe environment for everyone and we do not anticipate anything happening - however sometimes things do happen and we may need to get in touch with you. Please make sure you list a telephone number where you can be reached during the time your child(ren) is at VBS on the registration form.

An exciting part of our program is spotlight drama – where every child at **ROAR! VBS** can be a star. Pictures for this activity as well as pictures for posting on the Church bulletin boards, parish web-site and parish bulletin are taken. **If you do not wish us to use your child in pictures, please notify Myra in writing.**

While we love all children – our program is designed for children ages 4 years old through those entering the sixth grade in the fall. We do not take children younger than 4 years old and if a child is in the eighth grade or older and is mature enough to handle responsibilities they are encouraged to sign up as volunteers. In order to volunteer in the program you must be a registered member of St. Gabriel's Parish.

All students and volunteers are expected to follow the norms and guidelines set forth for our program. Failure to follow them may result in being asked not to return to the program.

If you have any questions, please contact Myra at [myratircuit@bellsouth.net](mailto:myratircuit@bellsouth.net); the parish office at 642-8441. The telephone number for the parish activity is 642-8410.

## CONNECTING KIDS TO JUSTICE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

**“I was thirsty and you gave me drink.....Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”**

**Matthew 25:35.40**

Catholic Social Teachings refers to the body of official documents written by church leaders in response to various social, political, and economic issues. The U.S. Bishops have identified the following seven themes:

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Call to family, Community, and Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Persons
- Option of the Poor and Vulnerable
- Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Solidary of the Human Family
- Care of God’s Creation

At ROAR! Totally Catholic VBS, we incorporate important themes from Catholic Social Teachings into the adventures and experiences at ROAR! and specifically highlight them in the Connecting Kids to Justice stories. The Church’s social teachings provide guidance and wisdom for us as we work every day to build a just society amidst the challenge of living in a modern world. We encourage you to explore the information and details on the seven Catholic Social Teachings themes made available by the U.S. Bishops on the USCCB website: [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

We are partnering with Catholic Relief Services to raise money to help children, families and communities around the world with water. For many around the world, water doesn’t flow as easily for them. For some family, finding enough water is a daily struggle. Our project will be to collect donations that will support CRS’s work around the world providing water. Your donation can make a big difference. With \$30.00 we can provide a hand-washing station for a family or school. For \$35.00 we can provide a “Back to School” kit which includes a backpack, uniform, and shoes so that kids who have had to miss school to help their families can go back to school equipped to learn. For \$235.00 we can provide water-pump tools and training. With tools and training, communities learn to dig wells for accessible, safe water.

Send a donation (however big or small) with your child to VBS to help our fellow church family members. Make checks payable to St. Gabriel Catholic Church. We will send one check to Catholic Relief Services.