

## **Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)**

**PREP** is the Archdiocesan program of religious education for children in our parish for children in Kindergarten to Grade 7. The program mandate is "To Know God, To Love God, To Serve God". It includes preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation.

Classes are held in the church hall on Saturday's from September to May or June. Class times are listed below:

- Kindergarten to Grade 6 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Grade 7 classes are from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The first day of class and registration are the first Saturday immediately following the Labour Day long weekend.

### **Parent's Role in the Christian Faith**

The Church reminds parents that they are the primary educators of their children, especially in the faith. The parish catechism program does not take the place of parents, but rather assists them in their efforts to share the Faith with their children.

The Christian home is a place where children first learn about the Faith. The family home is "the Domestic Church", a community of grace and prayer and a school of human virtues and a Christian charity. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1666).

### **Program Expectations**

As with any other commitment, enrolment in PREP includes expectations of children and their families.

- Regular mass attendance.
  - Including monthly PREP mass attendance.
- Regular class attendance.
- Children are expected to be courteous and respectful to teachers
- Parents must attend meetings.
- No electronics in class unless they are used for educational purposes.
- Grade 7's must attend retreats and complete their service hours
- Homework & assignments must be completed and handed in to catechists and/or assistants.

### **Fees**

- Kindergarten fee (1 student): \$35
- Grade 1 to Grade 6 (1 student): \$110
- Grade 7 (1 child): \$125
- Grade 1 to Grade 6 (2 students): \$130
- Grade 1 to 6 + Grade 7 (2 students): \$150
- 3 or 4 students: \$160

### **Registration Requirements**

- A photocopy of your child's Baptismal certificate.
  - If your child has not been Baptized or received any catechises prior to a sacrament year please speak to the PREP Coordinator prior to registration.
- A completed registration form.
- Payment due on date registered (cheque or cash).

### **Reconciliation & Communion**

First Holy Communion will be held in early May. To receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, your child must be baptized, enrolled in a minimum of Grade 2 at a public or independent school, and have completed Grade 1 PREP and enrolled in Grade 2 PREP. Upon registration, if your child has not completed Grade 1 at our PREP program or another PREP program they will be registered in Grade 1 and can begin to prepare for First Communion the following year.

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation is usually held in May or June and the Chancery Office of the Archdiocese of Vancouver determines the exact date of Confirmation. To receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, your child must have completed previous PREP years at our parish or through another parish's program and have received Baptism and First Holy Communion. They must be enrolled in a minimum of Grade 7 at a public or independent school. Upon registration, if your child has not completed previous grades in a PREP program they will be registered in a lower grade. If your child is knowledgeable in the faith, and is ready, willing and able to make the conscientious decision to live the faith, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on your child.

### **PREP Masses**

PREP students are asked to attend the monthly PREP masses at our parish. Students will have reserved seating at the front during these masses.