



PREP News for March 2017

Lent begins Wednesday March 1! This season offers special opportunities for families to come together in prayer and to reach out to others in a spirit of service and sacrifice. Please remember our grades 2 and 7 students as you pray together. These students are entering the final phase in their preparation for First Communion and Confirmation.

The registration forms for the 2016/17 PREP program will be coming home next week. If you know a family in the parish who has a child entering Grade 1 in September or an older child who is new to the parish or our religious education program, please pass on a form to them. There are extra copies by the parish office and on the parish website.

If you are concerned that you do not know your child's September schedule and cannot choose a PREP day, please register for the most likely day (or Tuesday if still unsure) and we can change in September if necessary. The important thing for now is that you have your children registered in the program so that we can begin planning and ordering resources etc. Deadline for registration is June 30th. After this date you will be charged an additional fee. Please remember that First Communion and Confirmation preparation are 2 year programs.

SPRING FORWARD - Clocks Change March 12th!

RECONCILIATION for Grades 2-7 at PREP March 7, 9 and Apr 4, 5, 6

No PREP classes March 13-23 (Spring Break). Classes resume Tuesday March 28

Last Nights of PREP May 9/10/11

LENTEN MITE BOXES

Last week, your child came home from PREP with a Lenten Mite Box in support of the seminarians of our Archdiocese. The proceeds from this campaign go towards helping these men with the cost of their education for the Priesthood.

Please encourage your child to make small offerings into the box on a regular basis. Perhaps they could earn a little change for the box by doing an extra chore, or by not buying that extra piece of candy. It will be an especially meaningful activity if you combine it with a reminder of the sacrifices we are called to make during this Lenten season and offer a prayer for vocations as well.

The boxes are to be returned to your child's teacher at PREP April 25, 26 or 27. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jane Waldo.

40 Days for Life:

Several St. Nicholas parishioners are participating in a vigil prayer time as part of the Archdiocesan 40 Days for Life Campaign on March 17 11am - 1pm at BC Women's Hospital Vancouver. If you would like to participate, please contact Carmen Douglas at 604-513-9495. This is an excellent way to actively witness Reverence for Life to your family.

In addition, PREP classes will be supporting the 40 Days for Life initiative by offering the Stations of the Cross prayers they make in their classes for the intentions of the pro-life movement.

Sacramental Years

Grade 2 Events

Mar 5 - Liturgy 10:30am (Making Peace)

Mar 12 - Liturgy 10:30am (Giving Thanks for Creation - bring non-perishable for Food Bank)

Apr 2 - Liturgy 10:30am (Giving Thanks for New Life)

Apr 23 - Liturgy 10:30am (Sharing a Meal)

May 6 - Rehearsal 10:30am with Potluck lunch to follow

May 7 - First Communion Mass 2pm

Grade 7 Events

Apr 8 - Confirmation Retreat 10am-5pm, followed by 5pm Mass. Parent Meeting at 4pm in Pope Francis Room 4pm.

Apr 25/26/27 - Volunteer Hours and Mass Journals due.

May 2/3/4 - Confirmation exam

May 20 - Confirmation Rehearsal (students and sponsors) 10am

May 21 - CONFIRMATION 2pm

Grade 7 Volunteer Opportunity -

April 14th 11am - Stations of the Cross Presentation with rehearsals prior.

Contact Marc Reyes at stnicsyouth@hotmail.com

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR

Please note the following for the month of March:

Practices will be Saturdays, Mar 18th & 25th (10-11 am) and YPC will sing Sunday, Mar 26th. Students must attend at least one practice to be prepared to sing at Mass on Sunday. Questions and feedback welcome: please contact Elizabeth Ard liz.ard@shaw.ca