

MISSION STATEMENT

To work cooperatively with our families and parish community to provide a welcoming, nurturing, and spiritual environment for our students to grow in faith.

To journey as companions with our students to build a strong foundation for their life journey as disciples of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We are here to support you, the parents, in the teaching of the Catholic Faith.



Questions or Concerns?

We are here to assist you in any way we can.

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St. Luke's Parish

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Parish Religious Education Program

(PREP)



"Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these"

Luke 18:13

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Welcome!

We are very happy to be joining you and your child on your Faith Journey for the next few years. We are excited about helping your child build the foundation for a life-long relationship of growing and living in faith as disciples of our Lord, Jesus Christ through knowledge, service and love for God.

Our Program

Our classes are taught by volunteer catechists under the direction of the administrator and pastor and in keeping with the mandate and learning outcomes of the Office of Catechetics (Archdiocese of Vancouver). Our catechists receive training and are encouraged to continue their own faith journey through prayer and attendance at various workshops offered by the Archdiocese throughout the year.

We are excited to be introducing a new program, ALIVE IN CHRIST, developed by Our Sunday Visitor. The title says it all! This is God's desire for us and our greatest treasure here on earth....to be fully alive and in a loving and growing relationship with Christ. We encourage families to fully participate in experiencing this faith adventure by being ALIVE IN CHRIST!

Parents,

God's Co-Creators & First Teachers in the Faith

Parents are the primary educators in the faith. We trust that our families desire to be active participants in their child's faith journey.

Families of Faith

The following are but a few ways to grow together with your child as he/she begins this stage of their faith journey through formal catechesis:

- Faithfully attend ALL PREP classes
- Be ON-TIME for class each week
- Faithfully attend the weekly celebration of Mass
- Faithfully help your child in daily prayer, review of the weekly lesson and providing faith-filled home environment where your child's relationship with Christ can grow and flourish.

Classes

Our classes are offered for children in Preschool and kindergarten through to Grade 7. Classes are in session from September to the end of May each year.

Wednesday 3:45 – 5:15 pm

Wednesday 6:30 – 8:00 pm

PREP is a comprehensive program of faith formation. Each PREP year builds on the previous year. Each and every grade is important. Students who enroll in the program are expected to fully participate at all grade levels.

Students who are being initiated into the Catholic Faith will attend the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) concurrently with the Wednesday sessions. Students who miss a year of PREP will need to repeat the missed year. If your child misses 2 or more years, they will need to attend the RCIC before being placed at an appropriate grade level.

Classes are also available for highschool students who have no previous faith formation (RCIT). Speak to the PREP administrator for more information.

Registrations

Please return your registration form, fees, and baptismal certificate (new students), as soon as possible to the parish office.

The afternoon classes fill-up very quickly. Registration is on a "first-registered, first-accommodated" basis.

Your child's registration is only reserved once all the above submitted. Fees must be PAID in FULL to secure your time.

Sacrament Preparation

First Communion and Confirmation are two very important milestones in your child's faith formation. *Preparation is a two (2) year process of PREP instruction.* We also offer separate classes for children in grades 4–7 [Older Sacrament Preparation (OSP)] to prepare them for receiving the sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Communion.

Specific preparation details for the Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation are discussed in detail at the parent meetings in September and January each year.

