

## 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) PRESCHOOL*



**"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 you and 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.

## *Parents, God's Co-Creators & First Teachers in the Faith*

Parents have been given the most precious gift of all, the blessings of children. God has entrusted to you the responsibility of helping your child to know that they are beautifully and wonderfully made in the eyes of a God who loves them unconditionally and without end. We trust that our families are teaching their children to know God, to grow in a friendship with Jesus and know that they are cared for and guided through life by His Spirit.

Your role as active participants in your child's faith journey in PREP is supported through a variety of celebrations and activities. PREP Masses, celebrations (such as Christmas parties & year-end fun-day), weekly gathering in the church for prayer with the whole PREP community, visiting the

Poor Clare Sisters in Mission, visiting Baillie House Seniors Facility, providing donations to the Holy Childhood Association to support children in third-world countries, and mite box collections during Lent to support our seminarians, are but a few of the opportunities to grow in faith and build a strong parish family made up of children, their parents, grandparents and other family members who know, love and serve God.

## *Our General Program (Kindergarten to Grade 7)*

Our classes are taught by volunteer catechists under the direction of the coordinator 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.

## *It Can All Begin With Pre-School*

At St. Luke's Parish we offer a one-hour per week PREP class for 3 & 4 year olds. Using "Allelu!", a wonderful program specifically designed by experts in child psychology and development and religious educators, our classes include prayer, music, playtime and activities based on a faith lesson each week.

There is a take-home activity each week which allows the children to share with their family what he/she has learned about Jesus and how to live as his friend.

## *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
- 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.

## *Class Times*

### **Preschool**

Wednesday 4:00—5:00 p.m.

### **Kindergarten—Grade 7**

Wednesday 3:45—5:15 p.m.  
6:30—8:00 p.m.

## *Registrations*

Please return your registration form, fees, and baptismal certificate (*for children not baptized at St. Luke's*), as soon as possible to the parish office (*Monday—Friday 9:00 am—4:00 p.m.*)

