

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Newsletter

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I don't know about you, but this is so how I feel right now! I think all of us are just trying to drag ourselves through this crazy time in our lives. No matter which way we turn, nothing is affirming or helping.

Enter Lent! It's the perfect season for us to try and pull ourselves out of the doldrums. Lent, after all, is a season of preparation – and we are preparing for the most important feast in the entire Church calendar, one meant to give us all hope and peace! It's a time to take inventory of where we are, and how we can get to where we want to be. Isn't that what we all need to do right now? Instead of digging that hole and jumping in, it's time to figure out how we got there and how we're going to get out. We've been bombarded so much with just daily survival, we haven't done much with looking into our minds and our hearts to see if we're still on the right path. So Lent invites us to step back – to take a breath - and meditate on the words of St. Pope John Paul II - "I plead with you! Never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid." For a man who lived through the Nazi invasion of Poland, and who studied as a seminarian in secret while working during the day as a laborer in a mine (the only Pope ever a laborer!), you would think fear was a daily companion – fear of being caught and put in a camp like some of his friends, fear of being killed for his beliefs – but instead he leaves us this message. So this Lent, let's remember – all things pass.

-Karen Yasik

Quick Calendar Look

January 27th – FIRST COMMUNION
VIRTUAL GATHERING 9:30am
REPEATED 7pm – LINK WILL BE SENT IN
THE MORNING!

JANUARY 31ST – CONFIRMATION
VIRTUAL GATHERING 1PM, LINK WILL
BE SENT IN THE MORNING

BOTH MEETINGS WILL BE RECORDED

ALSO

February 7th – class in the building
February 14th – virtual class
February 17th – Ash Wednesday
February 21st – NO CLASSES
February 28th – class in the building

REMIND EMERGENCY TEXT SERVICE

As I emailed earlier, the easiest way for me to get to all of you quickly is a remind text message. While I am limited to 40 characters, statistically people look more often at their texts than they do at their emails – so if there is an emergency and you don't look at your email Sunday morning, at least this way you get the notice! And while the weather has been mild so far, one never knows...

If you aren't in Remind, and would like to get emergency notifications, just text the message

@smmprep

To the number 81010

The app is free if you want it too!



Wednesday January 27,2021

**this is a virtual
meeting that you will not want to miss
if your child is making the sacraments!**

9:30AM and repeated at 7PM, links being sent 30 minutes prior

8th grade parents!

**Confirmation virtual meeting is this Sunday, January 31st at
1PM. It will be recorded for those who can't attend, and
classes will start soon so be sure you watch it if you can't be
there! Link will be sent at 12:30PM Sunday**