

Saint Francis de Sales Parish

Parish Religious Education Program

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PREP REGISTRATION TIME

Dear Parents,

Attached is the registration form for the **2024 - 2025 PREP Year**.

It is PREP Registration time again. We need to have your registrations in by the end of June to facilitate the purchase of books, recruitment of catechists and the planning for the next PREP year. You will receive a tax receipt for PREP fees in the New Year. **Please note** that there is an extra fee for First Communion and Confirmation to cover the cost of extra books, retreats, food, bus rentals, etc. **If you register and pay now, before June 21, 2024, you will take advantage of the lower fee. All registrations after June 21 will pay the full fee.** Also, attached is the Emergency Release form. You may fill in one form for all your children also.

It is important that students attend and complete all grades. To be candidates for the sacramental years - Reconciliation and First Communion (Year 2), Confirmation (Year 7), your child must have been in and completed grade 1 for First Communion and each grade thereafter for Confirmation. Those students entering gr. 7, Confirmation year must have completed grade 6. Each grade level builds upon the previous one, following a pattern of continuous growth in depth and scope. It is disruptive and hard on the children to skip grades. Unless there are special circumstances, we will not allow children to skip grades. If your child misses a year of PREP, for example after grade 2 they don't return till 5 or even year 7 they will be put into year/grade below the year they are entering. Attending weekly Mass with your children is expected.

Please read the **Parental Statement of Commitment**. Our children benefit when everyone is of the same mind and is prepared to make this commitment. Please read the consent form to use pictures of your children either on the bulletin board or on our website. There are also opportunities for you to volunteer. Parents of PREP students who volunteer will have their PREP fees waived. We are looking for about 4 or 5 adults to help teach in our PREP program. You must be willing to commit to being here every week, attending meetings and training sessions. You must be willing to be screened and have a criminal record check.

Please return all your forms, including a baptismal certificate, if it has not already been given, as soon as possible.

You may register all your children on one form. Make sure you fill in both sides of the form.

PREP resumes Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for your continuing support and cooperation.

Marguerite Goldsmith
Religious Education Coordinator

Saint Francis de Sales – Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) REGISTRATION FORM – 2024 - 2025

(Please print clearly)

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Office Use Only</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Registration Fee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Special Fee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cheque or <input type="checkbox"/> Cash</p> <p>Amount: \$ _____</p> <p>Date Received: _____</p> <p>Check number _____</p> <p>Baptism Certificate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New or <input type="checkbox"/> On file</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Parishioner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Parish Envelope No. _____</p>	<p>Last Name of Child/Children: _____</p> <p>Home Address: _____ _____ Postal Code: _____</p> <p>Home Phone No.: _____ Cell No.: _____</p> <p>Email (please PRINT in large print) _____</p> <p>Father's Name: _____ Religion: _____</p> <p>Mother's Name: _____ Religion: _____</p> <p>Emergency Contact: _____ Phone No.: _____</p>
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1 st Child's First & Last Name	Age Birth Date (m/d/y)	Male or Female (M / F)	PREP Grades Completed	School Grade in September	Public School Attending	Year in Prep 2023-2024

Sacraments received: Baptism Parish _____ First Confession First Communion

2 nd Child's First & Last Name	Age Birth Date (m/d/y)	Male or Female (M / F)	PREP Grades Completed	School Grade in September	Public School Attending	Year in Prep 2023-2024

Sacraments received: Baptism Parish _____ First Confession First Communion

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REGISTRATION FEES	One Child	Two Children	Three or More
Before June 30, 2023	\$70	\$140	\$170
After June 30, 2023	\$75	\$150	\$175

SPECIAL FEES, EXTRA ALONG WITH THE REGULAR PREP FEE: First Holy Communion - \$60 Confirmation \$200

Cash, Cheque. or E-Transfer to: sfds.officemanager@rcav.org. Please add to Memo PREP fee for.... Please make cheques payable to **St. Francis de Sales Parish**. If there are financial difficulties, please contact the coordinator at 604-434-1328. No child is refused religious education for financial reasons.

NEW STUDENTS: Please provide a photocopy of the child's Baptismal Certificate with the registration form. Please state anything that you would like us to know about your child, i.e., Allergies, Medical Conditions, ESL, French Immersion, Learning Disabilities, etc.

If you are not a registered parishioner of St. Francis de Sales Parish, what parish do you belong to? _____

Classes begin on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 7:00 pm

Volunteer Opportunities	The PREP Program is made possible by dedicated parents and parishioners who volunteer their time, talents and love for both their faith and children. If you would like to volunteer, we would be very grateful for your generosity.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher / Catechist	<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> Office Help	<input type="checkbox"/> Security

The parents of PREP students who volunteer to be a catechist, assistant teacher or to help in the office will have their PREP fee waived. You must be willing to commit to be here weekly, attending meetings and training sessions. You must also be willing to be screened and have Criminal Record Check.

I understand that St. Francis de Sales Parish collects and protects the personal information on this form pursuant to the Personal Information Protection Act and Canon Law. Further, I understand that the information will be used only for the purpose or purposes identified by the Church and will be confidential and destroyed in a timely manner when no longer required. By signing this document, I understand and consent to having the information used for the purposes outlined above.

NAME & SIGNATURE OF PARENT: _____ **DATE:** _____

CONSENT TO PUBLISH PERSONAL IMAGE

Pursuant to Section 10(1) of the *Personal Information Act*, I give my consent to St. Francis de Sales Parish to publish my personal image without the benefit of monetary compensation under the terms and conditions listed below:

1. The personal image may be used for St. Francis de Sales Parish Religious Education Program materials.
2. My personal image may be published only for the following purposes:
 - a) Non-commercial promotional posters and pamphlets
 - b) St. Francis de Sales website

No disclosure or use of personal information about me beyond the terms described above is permitted without my express written authorization.

Name of Child whose image will be published		Name of Child whose image will be published	
Name of Child whose image will be published		Name of Child whose image will be published	
Name of Parent/Guardian	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date	

PARENTAL STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

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.

At Baptism parents make a solemn commitment to raise their children 'in the practice of the Faith.' Active participation in the life of the Church, especially in the Sunday Mass is of utmost importance.

Parents support the religious education curriculum by participating in parent sessions, working with their children at home and helping in service work. They ensure that their children attend class regularly, are prepared and have done assigned work.

Parents cooperate with the catechist and the pastor to promote the best possible learning experience for their children.

I understand these expectations and will do my part in cooperating with the Parish Religious Education Program.

Name/s of Parent or Guardian (please print):	
Signature of Parent or Guardian	Date:

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM EMERGENCY RELEASE FORM AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	Age	Date of Birth	Grade in PREP
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

PLEASE PRINT

ADDRESS: _____

MOTHER'S NAME _____ FATHER'S NAME _____

MOTHER'S PHONE: _____ FATHER'S PHONE _____

STUDENT RELEASE INFORMATION

In the event of an earthquake or other serious disaster, my child may be released into the custody of the following persons and ONLY these persons: (Please list at least two, preferably within a short distance from the school)

Print name and phone numbers (home and work)

RELEASE SIGNATURE

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|-----------------------|-------|
| 1. _____ Phones _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ Phones _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ Phones _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ Phones _____ | _____ |

OUT OF AREA CONTACT; _____

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK or CELL PHONE _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

CARE CARD: Personal Health Number: _____

Special Conditions or Medical Alert: _____

Please use back if needed.

Doctor _____ Phone _____

Dentist _____ Phone _____

Parent signature _____

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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Dear Parents:

RE: EMERGENCY RELEASE FORM

We are sending the EMERGENCY RELEASE FORM attached to this letter. This form will be kept in the class emergency kits at school in the event of a major emergency or disaster. This form is important, so please, remember to update them if your phone number or information changes throughout the year. This will allow the PREP team to release your child or (children) to the care of anyone of the persons you have designated as an alternate caregiver in the event you are not able to pick them up.

1. Please make sure your alternate caregivers and out-of-area contact persons are aware of your wishes. Please make sure your children are aware of these contacts too.
2. Please try to choose a caregiver who could probably get to the school within a reasonable time under adverse conditions.
3. Please be aware that your out-of-area contact person should in fact, be **out-of-province** if possible. This is because though local phone lines will be down, long distance should get through.
4. Please fill in and return the attached form with your registration form.
When completing the form please take care to **print clearly in a legible manner.**

IN THE EVENT OF AN EARTHQUAKE DURING PREP HOURS, WE WILL FOLLOW OUR EARTHQUAKE PROCEDURES AND ASSEMBLE ON THE PLAYFIELD ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE SCHOOL. **NO CHILD WILL BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE AREA UNTIL THE PARENT OR DESIGNATED ALTERNATE CAREGIVER SIGNS OUT ON THE ATTACHED FORM WITH THE ADULT IN CHARGE.** WE REALIZE YOU WILL BE WORRIED AND ANXIOUS (SO WILL WE!). PLEASE HELP US KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE BY FOLLOWING THESE PROCEDURES. **PLEASE REMEMBER IN THE EVENT OF AN EARTHQUAKE DO NOT PHONE THE SCHOOL.**

Thank you for your support and cooperation,

Marguerite Goldsmith
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