

# Queen of Peace PREP Newsletter

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## PREP News

To those returning families we say “Welcome Back!!” To those new to our program we say “Welcome!!” We are very excited to start a new year.

Here are some particulars about our PREP program. We start our morning at 9:15 a.m. You may drop your child off in the front of the school or in the back of the school (off Rosary Circle). We will gather in the front hall until 9:15 then we will all walk down to the gym and have a short gathering session to start the day. All are welcome to join us.

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ October 8 — 8<sup>th</sup> Grade interviews with Father 12:00
- ◆ October 13 — 7:00 P.M. Mass celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> Anniv. of Fatima
- ◆ October 28 — Parish Picnic after 3:30 Mass



Class is dismissed at 10:45 a.m. If you have a kindergarten through second grade student please come into the building to collect your student. We just want to make sure everyone is safe.

You will get, from your child’s teacher, a calendar for the year, including a list of our family faith days. The program will conclude this year with a “bang” on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

You are welcome to come by anytime. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make this year a wonderful one for all of us.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child’s education.

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# Gospel for All Ages

## Last week's gospel... God Abounds in Love

It can feel unfair when someone gets paid when they did not work as hard as you did. Jesus says, "The last will be first, and the first will be last." Jesus is generous. He reminds us there is room for everyone in His Church and in Heaven

### Kindergarten and First Grade

Kindergarten and first grade had a combined class this week. They played several games to get to know each other. They also discussed the gospel by asking the question, "Who is my Church Family?" They also discussed how God is like the owner of the vineyard. The kids decided that God and the vineyard owner are both kind and giving.



### Second and Third Grade

We went over a story about three brothers loading firewood. As the story goes on the one brother ends up doing most of the work (sound familiar in our own families?) So in the end, the brother who does the most work wants the biggest reward (PIZZA!) This correlates to the Gospel of the landowner hiring workers throughout the day and all the workers getting the same pay. We talked about how in the end, we want EVERYONE to go to Heaven. God's love is FOR EVERYONE!

We joined together to sing and sign "We are the Church."

Next week, we will discuss why we should keep our word and do what we say we are going to do.

### Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade News

We took some time to get to know each other and reacquaint ourselves. Then we talked about our families and we discussed different family activities where each family member does their own fair share. We discussed the fairness of the way the landowner pays the workers in his

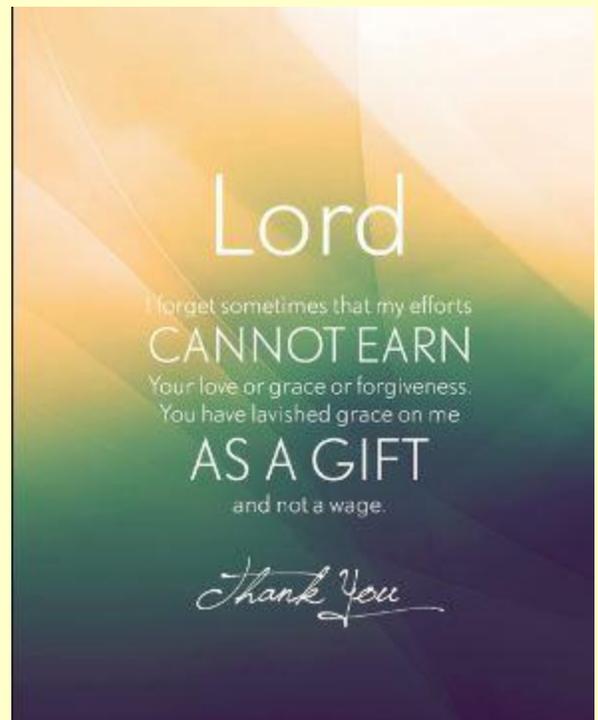
vineyard. Then we went to "work" in our vineyard and discussed how we felt when we all got our wages at the end of the day. Of course, some of the kiddos just wanted candy in their eggs. 😊



### Seventh/Eighth Grade News

Seventh and eighth grade reunited. After all the “hellos” and “what have you been doing” conversations, we talked about the gospel and had conversations answering the question “Who treats you fairly?” and “How fair or just is giving the last workers hired the same daily pay as the first to be hired?” Not very, right? But we discussed that this gospel isn’t really about the pay, it’s about how God loves us all and will always give us whatever we need.

We discussed goals and how to set them and how to achieve them.



### Next week’s gospel... The Story of Two Sons

On Sunday we will hear the parable of the two sons; one says he’ll help his dad, but in the end does not and the other who says no and in the end he does help his dad. Which son are you? The son who says no but comes through or the one who says yes but doesn’t follow through. We will discuss ways that we are ready to follow Jesus right away.

All the kiddos will look at ways they can say yes to God.

You can visit <http://www.pflaum.com/readings/> to read the children’s version of the Sunday gospel.

Have a great week!