

SUNDAY SESSIONS

All sessions Sunday 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

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September

+Food Bank Collection: macaroni and cheese, peanut butter

- Wed. 14 - "Open House" - welcome and orientation for new PREP families, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. (for both Sunday and Wednesday groups (Returning families also welcome!))
- 18 – Opening Prayer Service and Session; Parent Meeting; all meet in church
- Catechetical Sunday** – pray for our PREP catechists and aides!
- 25 – Regular session (*Deacon Don visits Faith Explorers 2*)

October: +Dime Collection for **Missionary Childhood Association** (the Catholic Church's "child to child" mission society) and **Sassy Massey Smiles Foundation** (in memory of our parish's "little saint," Jillian Massey)

+Food Bank Collection: toilet paper and bar soap

- 2 – Regular session (*Deacon Don visits Genesis*)
- Tues. 4 – Eucharistic Adoration for PREP Families*, 6 – 6:45 p.m. in church
- 9 – NO PREP
- 16 – Regular session (*Deacon Don visits Discipleship 2*)
- 23 – Regular session **Dime Lines Day for Sassy Massey Miles of Smiles and MCA!**
- 30 – Regular session (*Deacon Don visits Discipleship 1*)

November

+Food Bank Collection: canned vegetables and stuffing mix

- Tues. 1 - Attend Holy Day Mass* either Monday, Oct. 31 or Nov. 1*
- 6 – Regular session (*Deacon Don visits Faith Explorers 1*)
- 13 – Regular session: **Child Protection Catechesis Session** for all levels
- 20 – Regular session (*Deacon Don visits Apostles*)
- 27 – NO PREP (Thanksgiving Weekend)

December

+Food Bank Collection: coffee, tea, and hot chocolate mix

- 4 – Regular session; (*Deacon Don visits Good Shepherd*); Discipleship 3 **only** no morning PREP (Confirmation retreat in the afternoon)
- Thurs.. 8 – Immaculate Conception (holy day of obligation in the United States); attend Mass on Dec. 7 or 8*
- 11 – Regular session
- 18 – Regular session
- 25 & January 1 – NO PREP (Christmas Season Holidays)

January

+Food Bank Collection: soup (canned or package) and crackers

- 8 – Regular session (*Deacon Don visits Discipleship 3*)
- 15 – Regular session
- 22 – Regular session
- 29 – Regular session

February

+Food Bank Collection: pasta and sauce

- 5 – Regular session
- 12 – Regular session
- 19 – NO PREP (Presidents' Day Weekend)
- Fri. 24 – PREP Family Night at Parish Stations of the Cross, 7pm (counts as a regular session)
- 26 – Regular session

March: +Lenten **Quarters for Water** collection for **Missionary Childhood Association**

+Food Bank Collection: canned tuna

- 5 – Regular session
- 12 – Regular session
- 19 – Regular session
- 26 – Regular session

April

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- 2 – NO PREP (Palm Sunday)
- 9 – NO PREP (Easter Sunday – ALLELUIA!)
- 16 – Regular session
- 23 – Closing session

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Lent/Easter Season
2023 Dates:
 Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday
 April 2: Palm Sunday
 April 6: Holy Thursday
 April 7: Good Friday
 April 9:
 EASTER SUNDAY!
 May 18: Ascension (holy day of obligation)
 May 28: Pentecost

ABVM Celebrations of Sacraments
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