

*NOTES FROM P.R.E.P.
NOVEMBER 1, 2017*

Happy
Halloween

Four orange jack-o'-lanterns are arranged in a row. Each has a different carved face: the first has a simple smiling face, the second has a wide, toothy grin, the third has a face with a mustache and a slight smile, and the fourth has a classic triangular-eyed, toothy grin. Green stems with leaves are attached to the top of each pumpkin.

**THERE IS NO CLASS THIS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER
1ST BECAUSE OF ALL SAINTS DAY-SEE YOU ON
NOVEMBER 8TH!!**

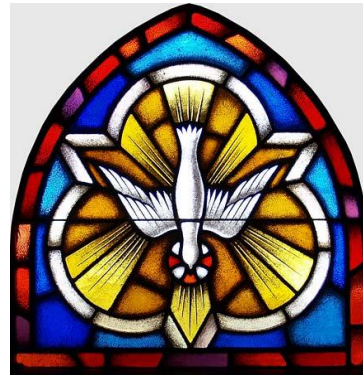
IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION REMINDERS FOR LEVEL 7



The first Confirmation rehearsal will be tomorrow, Thursday, November 2nd. This rehearsal is for **students only**. Rehearsal will begin at 6:30 in the school hall and students will be dismissed from church at 7:45 PM. **Parents must come into church to pick up their child.** The second rehearsal will be Saturday, November 4th. This rehearsal is for **students and sponsors**. We will begin at 11: AM in the school hall and end in church at 12:00 PM. **If a sponsor is unable to attend this rehearsal a parent must come in their place so they can give the sponsor information about seating, etc. for the Confirmation Mass.**

LEVEL 6 CONFIRMATION UPDATES

Wednesday, November 15th will be the Confirmation meeting for Level 6 students and parents. **One parent from each family must attend this meeting.** The explanation and distribution of the Confirmation packet will be done at this meeting. The meeting will be over By 7:45 PM in time for parents to pick up younger siblings at PREP.



**Don't
FORGET!**

Sacrament Tuition for First Penance and First Communion and First Communion Application forms are due by November 8th.

Prayer Partner Weekend sign up forms are due by November 8th.

GOSPEL SNEAK PEEK FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST –ALL SAINTS DAY

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

HEARING THE WORD:

MATTHEW 5:1 -12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: /"Blessed are the poor in spirit, / for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. / Blessed are they who mourn, / for they will be comforted. / Blessed are the meek, / for they will inherit the land. / Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, / for they will be satisfied. / Blessed are the merciful, / for they will be shown mercy. / Blessed are the clean of heart, / for they will see God. / Blessed are the peacemakers, / for they will be called children of God. / Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, / for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. / Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you / and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. / Rejoice and be glad, / for your reward will be great in heaven."

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

It might be hard to find the Beatitudes as a reason to rejoice. Some may even think that Jesus can keep his reward if recipients first need to mourn or be persecuted. Jesus may be asking us to look again at the hard things in life. Can there be joy in mourning, hunger and persecution? Do we have the ability to return to God's love repeatedly and live out of that love, while still recognizing the pain and suffering that we endure as part of being on earth?

FOR REFLECTION:

Has anyone shown mercy to you?

What does it mean to be blessed? To feel blessed?

