

## March 10th, 2019 First Sunday of Lent

There's a wealth of resources available for researching one's family history; people enjoy knowing about their ancestors and where they came from. When we learn about our family's past we can appreciate the cultural riches our ancestors brought to us, their descendants.

In today's first reading, Moses makes knowing the family history a part of the worship of Israel—and so it is to this day. As part of every Seder service, Jewish families retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt. We Catholics also bring our "family history" into our liturgy. Our Lenten season chooses some of the most basic stories of faith to remind us where we've come from. More importantly, these stories lead us directly to Jesus, and the story of our redemption in his death and resurrection.

Today, as we hear of the Lord's temptations in the desert, let's let this very human portrait of Jesus remind us of how we're called to respond in times of temptation: To depend upon God's grace, and allow it to support and sustain us. It's the living story of our faith, our baptismal commitment, which we reaffirm in this Lenten season.

Fr. Greg Friedman, O.F.M.



## Fridays During Lent

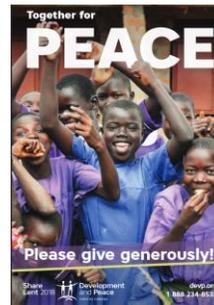
Mass at 9 am

**7 pm Stations of the Cross**

**7:30 pm Mass**

## Lenten Reconciliation Services

**Tues. Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 pm - Christ Our Saviour**  
**Sun. Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> 2:30 pm - St. Mary's Church**  
**Wed. Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> 7 pm - Sacred Heart Cathedral**  
**Tues. Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> 7 pm - Immaculate Conception**



## 2019 Share Lent Collection

Last year serious issues with some partner groups supported by the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace prompted the Canadian bishops' conference to initiate a comprehensive review of the operations of this organization. This review is ongoing, but in view of the corrections already put in place, ***the annual Share Lent collection will proceed in the diocese this year.***

*Our Share Lent Collection is on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent.*

## First Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion, for those already registered, will take place on **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 am Mass**. Before the celebration of First Holy Communion, there will be a meeting for parents and children at **6:30 pm April 25<sup>th</sup>** in the Church.

## The Sacrament of Confirmation

**7 pm Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>**

(Registration has already taken place.)

Before the celebration of Confirmation there will be a **practice meeting for parents, candidates for Confirmation and their sponsors at 6:30 pm Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** in the Church.

## Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast next **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**.  
Everyone is welcomed.

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### **St. Vincent de Paul Soup/Sandwich Preparation**

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**Tuesday, Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>** at **9:40 am** preparing sandwich  
and soup ingredients and **Wednesday, Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>** at  
**9:40 am** making soup and sandwiches in the Church  
hall.

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### Monthly Adoration

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to silent  
adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on  
**Tuesday** at the Domano Chapel. Mass will  
be celebrated at **7:30 am** and the Blessed  
Sacrament will be exposed from **8 am – 8  
pm**.

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**ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP:** Ski Trip to Purden Ski  
Village has been rescheduled to **Saturday, March  
16<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Claudia at 250-564-4097 if you  
are interested in attending.

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### St. Patrick's Mass

The annual Mass to anticipate the **Feast of St.  
Patrick** will take place at Sacred Heart  
Cathedral on **Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** at **6:00  
p.m.** The celebrant will be Fr. Chris Lynch from  
Immaculate Conception Parish. All are welcome  
to join the Irish community in a celebration of the  
principal patron of Ireland. Don't forget to wear  
your green!

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### Support Our Sponsors

Please support our sponsors who advertise in  
the back of the bulletin.

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### Wills

*Please remember Immaculate Church and  
School in your will. Thank you.*

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### Vocation Live-In

On the weekend of **April 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a  
Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in  
the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the  
Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For  
information call 604-826-8715.

## Lenten Noon Hour Series

### With Bishop Robert Barron

#### **Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues**

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to join  
them for Lenten reflection on Mondays at St.  
Mary's Parish in the St. Eugene Room.

The sessions run from **Noon to 1:30 pm**.

**Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

Envy and Admiration; Anger and Forgiveness

**Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Sloth and Zeal; Avarice and Generosity

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Gluttony and Asceticism; Lust and Chastity

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Drop-in's are encouraged, tell your friends!

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**SAINTLY MARCH MOVIE NIGHTS:** On Thursday the  
**14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>** and **28<sup>th</sup>** of March – we will gather in  
Nazareth House at Domano Renewal Center at **6:00  
pm** and the movie will begin at 6:30 pm sharp. The  
movies will concentrate on the lives of saints

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### DYC 2019 "CALLED" May 3rd-5th, 2019

This year's DYC is excited to have Katie  
Prejean McGrady as the keynote speaker  
along with Face2Face Ministries.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW LIVE!!** Head to  
[http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/dyc-2019-  
registration/](http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/dyc-2019-registration/) to REGISTER TODAY!

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### Rainbows Fundraising Lobster Dinner

**\*Save the Date\***

**Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** at the Knights of Columbus  
Hall in College Heights.



Give something, however small, to the one in  
need. For it is not small to one who has  
nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have  
given what we could. St. Gregory Nazianzen