

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

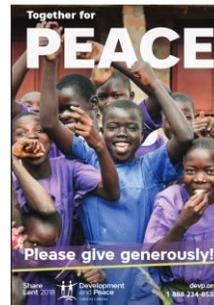
Mass at 9 am

7 pm Stations of the Cross

7:30 pm Mass

Lenten Reconciliation Services

Tues. Apr. 2nd 6:30 pm - Christ Our Saviour
Sun. Apr. 7th 2:30 pm - St. Mary's Church
Wed. Apr. 10th 7 pm - Sacred Heart Cathedral
Tues. Apr. 16th 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 7th, 5th Sunday of Lent.

First Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion, for those already registered, will take place on **Sunday, May 5th 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 25th** in the Church.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

7 pm Wednesday May 1st

(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 23rd** in the Church.

Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast next **Sunday, March 17th**. Everyone is welcomed.

St. Vincent de Paul Soup/Sandwich Preparation

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

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**.

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

St. Patrick's Mass

The annual Mass to anticipate the **Feast of St. Patrick** will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral on **Wednesday, March 13th** 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!

Support Our Sponsors

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

Wills

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

Vocation Live-In

On the weekend of **April 5th – 7th**, 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 11th

Envy and Admiration; Anger and Forgiveness

Monday, March 18th

Sloth and Zeal; Avarice and Generosity

Monday, April 1st

Gluttony and Asceticism; Lust and Chastity

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

SAINTLY MARCH MOVIE NIGHTS: On Thursday the **14th, 21st** and **28th** 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

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/> to REGISTER TODAY!

Rainbows Fundraising Lobster Dinner

Save the Date

Saturday, May 25th 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