

**March 24th, 2019
Third Sunday of Lent**

It's true the Lenten fasting rules are not what they were in the memory and experience of many older Catholics. The emphasis today in our Lenten observance has shifted somewhat. We stress the "baptismal" character of Lent. It's a time when we re-affirm our Christian identity, and support those preparing for Baptism. Repentance is still a Lenten focus, and today those two themes come together in our Scriptures.

Take a cue from St. Paul, who creatively retells the story of the Israelites in the desert, to remind the Corinthians that being baptized means a life of repentance. A Christian is to live differently, to constantly have a spirit of conversion.

It's a theme Jesus picks up in the *Gospel*, correcting popular notions about why bad things happen to good people. All of us, Jesus says, must be "reform-minded." God doesn't single out anyone by sending tragedies or natural disasters. We all have opportunities—not unlimited, of course—but opportunities nonetheless, to turn from sin and accept God's love. It's what Baptism commits us to do.

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

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, April 1st

Gluttony and Asceticism; Lust and Chastity
Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

CHRISM MASS will be celebrated at **7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 9th** at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

In this diocesan celebration the:

- a. Holy Oils and Chrism used in the Sacraments are consecrated.
- b. Priests renew their commitment to serve the Church.

A reception will follow. Those attending are invited to bring a plate of snacks to share, and are asked to put the snack on the designated table in the lower hall before Mass. Thank you.



THE IMMANUEL APPROACH FOR HEALING AND INTIMACY: A NEW DEVOTION?

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH

The Immanuel Prayer originated with Dr. Karl Lehman, a Protestant brain scientist and clinical psychologist. Fr. Basil Burns has been studying and reviewing this prayer for both its wonderful fruits and its integration within the Catholic Tradition. Come learn about a kind of prayer that help you grow in intimacy with the God who never leaves our side.

7:30 AM - Holy Mass, optional (Domano Chapel)

8:30 AM - Registration, Coffee & Snacks (doors open after Mass, Emmaus House)

1:30 – 2:30 PM Eucharistic Prayer and devotion, led by Fr. Basil (Domano Chapel)

Registration opens Friday, Mar. 15th and closes Wednesday, April 10 @ noon. Please register on the DRC website (<https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/drc-2/>) or call Vanya at 250-964-4475. **Cost \$40**

SAINTLY MARCH MOVIE NIGHTS: On **Thursday the 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 movie will concentrate on the life of the saint.

2nd Annual Kodiak Classic Golf Tournament

IC School Fundraiser

June 1st – Aberdeen Glen Golf Course

Early bird (deadline Apr. 30th) \$100 per person.

Regular (deadline May 24th) \$125 per person. For sponsorship & registration email icgolftourney@outlook.com

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 – Lobsterfest

Saturday, May 11th

Cocktails 6 pm; dinner 7 pm; 8 pm dancing. There also will be a Silent Auction. Tickets are \$50 per person and will be available after Masses and at the next Pancake Breakfast.

Please note Pancake Breakfast in April is on the 4th Sunday, April 28th.

Call for tickets: Al 250-964-4742; Cal 250-964-1056; or Maurice 250-964-8778.

THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD is a worldwide Christian ministry for children aged 3-12 years, based on the Bible and liturgy of the Church. It is inspired by the principles of Montessori education. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd provides:

This highly-effective program is coming to the Diocese of Prince George! To learn more about it, come to an information meeting on **Monday, April 1st at 7:00 pm** in the boardroom of the Diocesan Pastoral Centre. Those outside the city can watch via a live link on YouTube. The details will be released the week before the meeting.

You can also visit their website at www.cgsac.ca.

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.

ANNUAL VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE will be held on **May 17th -18th** at Camp Morice, Fort St. James. More details to follow. Please mark your calendars.

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Wills

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

It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness. He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you. St. John Paul II