

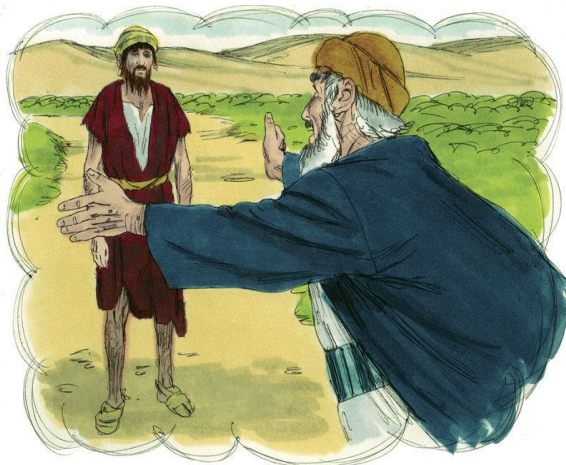
March 31st, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Lent

From the dawn of creation described in the *Book of Genesis*, the story of the Bible relates how God created the world to be a place of harmony. The Garden of Eden is a beautiful symbol of this harmonious world. The Promised Land as it's depicted in our first reading this Sunday, also shows us a vision of what God has in store for the human family. There Joshua leads God's people into the "land of milk and honey."

Jesus captures God's dream for the world in the *Gospel* story today. It's the familiar story of the Prodigal Son—better titled "The Father Who Couldn't Forget." There our God is portrayed as the parent who waited day after day for his errant child to return. What a beautiful picture of God!

Throughout history—though human beings have strayed constantly, following their own ideas for happiness—God has held fast to a dream of harmony, and made it come true with forgiveness. Jesus—and Christians who seek to follow him—embody that dream in our world today.

Fr. Greg Friedman, O.F.M.



Special Collection – April 7th

Share Lent collection for **Development & Peace** will be taken up next Sunday. Please be generous in supporting the missionary work of the Church throughout the developing work. *Our collection will go directly to Development and Peace and not through the Diocese.*

Please make cheques payable to

RCEC – Immaculate Conception Church.

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

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

The session runs 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:

- Holy Oils and Chrism used in the Sacraments are consecrated.
- 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 Sacred Paschal Triduum

Through his Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, Death and Resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the Liturgical Year. The Easter Solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week.

Holy Thursday, April 18th

- Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 pm
- Followed by Adoration until 9 pm.

Fr. Chris will be hearing Confessions after Mass.

Good Friday, April 19th

Stations of the Cross 10 am
Passion of the Lord 3 pm

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20th 7 pm

Easter Sunday, April 21st

9 am & 11 am Mass
(Please note no 7pm Mass)

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**

Wills

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

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

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

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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