

September 17th, 2017
Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary
Time

Today's Gospel story is a favorite of mine. It's a parable about forgiveness, but what I like is Peter's question to Christ *before* the parable.

You remember the question, I'm sure: "*Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?*" Jesus, of course, goes on to reply, "*not seven times but seventy-seven times.*"

Father Raymond Brown, the late American Scripture scholar, once commented on this exchange between Peter and Jesus. He observed that we perhaps are quick to criticize Peter for his stinginess in forgiving. *What, only seven times, Peter?*

Father Brown suggests that we all must examine our conscience. How often would you or I forgive an offense from the same person? I know that I would take all the pleasure and all the credit I could get from graciously forgiving that first offense. And when my brother offended me a second time, I sure would lay it on thick as I *grudgingly* forgave a second time.

But would I even entertain a third request for forgiveness? By then, I suspect I wouldn't even be *speaking* to my brother! Instead, I'd be telling everyone else how injured I was by such an ungrateful person—whom I've deigned to forgive twice before!

And what's that Jesus? Did you really say 77 times?

Fr. Greg Friedman, O.F.M.



St. Vincent de Paul Soup/Sandwich Preparation on **Tuesday** at **9:40 am** preparing sandwich and soup ingredients and **Wednesday** at **9:40 am** making soup and sandwiches in the Church hall.

If you would like to advertise in the back of the bulletin, please phone parish office at 250-964-4898.

IC Parish Sponsor a Blanket Program

We have made blankets for the agencies receiving blankets at the Festival of Trees. There are 3 sizes of blankets:
We have:

8 crib size @ \$15.00

19 baby/toddler size @ \$20.00

17 youth size @ \$30.00

If you would like to sponsor a blanket, you can do so at Ministry Sign up Day or contact Debbie at 250-964-6285. Thank you for considering this project.

Immaculate Conception School

The theme for the year is:

"Caring for Everyone in Our Common Home."

We have some spaces available in Grades 4, 5 & 6. For more details, please contact the school office at 250-964-4362.

Pictorial Directory

Pictures for the 40th Anniversary of our Parish's Pictorial Directory will be taken on:

Friday, Sept. 29th from 3:30 pm – 8 pm

Saturday Sept. 30th from 10:30 am - 5 pm

Sunday, Oct. 1st from 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Monday, Oct. 2nd from 2:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 3rd from 2:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 4th from 2:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday, Oct. 5th from 1:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Friday, Oct. 6th from 1:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Please phone Jean at the parish office to book your appointment at 250-964-4898. Anyone interested on working on this project, or for more information, please call Eva Gillis, 778-349-7001.

St. Vincent de Paul
Thanksgiving Day

Next Sunday we will be handing out paper bags with a list of food items for St. Vincent de Paul. The bag can be returned the Sunday after or during the week. Thank you for your generosity!

We would like to have a database of emails of our parishioners. Please fill this out and put in the basket next Sunday or send email to icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca

Name: _____

Email: _____

Ministries Sept. 24th

9 am

11 am

Lectors

Aaron Svendsen	Anita Santos
Bonnie Konkall	Arlene Zobl

Extraordinary Ministers

Bert Roberge	Ursula Morris
Julie Roberge	Tonya Kruger
Dawn Marchand	Joanne Bachand

Intercessory Prayer

Carolynne Burkholder-James	Marie Parker
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Offertory Family

Vincent Budac Family	Roallos
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Music

Brandon	Martha
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Altar Servers

Tehya H.	Cross	Finola H.
Liam F.	Candle/Server	Tomas I.
Logan S.	Candle/Server	Casey L.

Hospitality Sunday

Carolyn Chrobot	Raven Hogue
Kathryn Chrobot	Freddy Padilla-Baca
Lauren Chrobot	Tyson Gamble
Arlette Naaykens	

St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is hosting a **High Tea & Fashion Show** at the Columbus Community Centre on **today from 12 pm – 3:30 pm** to support St. Vincent de Paul Building Fund.

New Life in the Spirit –

A Study of the Acts of the Apostles

The twelve sessions, facilitated by Fr. Basil Burns, will start at **6:30 pm** on **Thursday, Sept. 28th** at the Domano Renewal Centre. Register before **noon** on **Sept. 26th** at www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/live/ or by calling Teresa at 250-964-4424.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

“Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving.”

Our Parish Goal is: \$44,336.00

Received to date: - 1,092.00

Total to Goal \$43,244.00

Please make cheques payable to:

Diocesan Appeal

Diocesan Goal: \$400,000

Any question about the appeal please contact the director of the appeal Fr. Rector at 250-964-4424 or email vicargeneral@pgdiocese.ca

Parish Office

Our parish office will be closed on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is celebrating 50 years of solidarity. That means 50 years of working with partners in the Global South, as well as with the Canadian population, to build a world of justice and peace for all. We would like to express our most sincere gratitude to all those who support us in this important mission. Thank you for saying YES to positive change. For more information about **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE** and to become an active part of the Church's justice movement: check out our website www.devpc.org, or contact one of your Diocesan Co-Chairs: Catherine Nolin Hanlon at nolin@unbc.ca & Dick Mynen at: dick.mynen@tdb.bc.ca

You're invited to two evenings

1. **“Our Call to Stewardship”—Tues., October 3rd - 7:00 pm at Diocesan Pastoral Centre Board Room, 6500 Southridge Ave. (Old O'Grady School)**

A one hour presentation on the Stewardship way of life: its basis in Christian faith and its practical implementation in parish communities.

Scott Bader is Director of Parish Financial Services for the Archdiocese of Seattle. Before that he worked for nineteen years as Director of Parish Stewardship. He served on the International Catholic Stewardship Council Board of Directors, including as the organization's vice-president and secretary and has spoken at many stewardship conferences.

2. **“Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide in Canada: Ethical and Pastoral Reflections”**

Thurs. Oct. 5th @ 7:00 PM at Diocesan Pastoral Centre Board Room, 6500 Southridge Ave. (Old O'Grady School)

A one hour presentation on the situation in Canada and our Christian response to those at the end of life, including palliative care.

Dr. Christopher De Bono, PhD, MDiv. is Vice President of Mission, Ethics and Spirituality for Providence Health Care in Vancouver. He is a pastoral theologian with specialized clinical training in Spiritual Care and Clinical/Organizational ethics. He has a history of over 15 years in frontline, middle and senior management roles in acute, community and mental health care. He has also taught as adjunct faculty and a sessional lecturer at the University of Toronto.

Donna Flood, Director of the Prince George Hospice Society, will also present on the local situation in Prince George.