

October 8th, 2017
Twenty-seven Sunday of Ordinary
Time

We are all invited to work in the Lord's vineyard. But the Lord does not force anyone. He only invites. If someone doesn't want to work, or wants to only under his own conditions, he does not have to do so. In the Gospel we heard a parable about persons who wanted to work only under the stipulation that they themselves would dispose of the vineyard and its fruits. When we hear this story, we might think, how could they be so stupid? How could they think, if we just kill the owner's son, he'll have to put us in his son's place? What kind of madness is this?

The reverse side, or the opposite of this terrifying possibility is presented to us in the Letter to the Philippians. If we do not lose sight of God, but place everything before him, all our concerns and our worries, and listen attentively to him, his peace will fill our hearts. Someone makes a sacrifice for his family, sticks by a friend in a difficult period, gives up his own will to serve and to do God's will, and finds therein deep peace. In this celebration of the Eucharist let us make especially consciously this prayer, which we pray frequently in the Our Father. "Thy Will be done!"

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
Next Sunday Oct. 15th after Mass.



40th Pictorial Directory - Thank You.

Thank you to Eva Gillis our Pictorial Directory Coordinator and all the volunteers; Gerry Gillis, Ricci Dalton, Cathie Fedyk, Gloria LePage, Linda Boudreau, Jenny Bachmann, Dan Paxton, Ginny Gaffney, Martha Primus and Jean Hopley who gave so generously of their time. Much appreciated - Thank You.

World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday will take place on **Sunday, October 22nd**. On that day, we celebrate who we are as Christians: missionary disciples. It's a time of prayer. We are also invited to look beyond our local Church in Canada and assist through financial gifts, the missionary work needed in the young dioceses in many developing countries. An example of this work is providing health care centres, building schools, and empowering lay pastoral workers, construction of convents and presbyteries. Please pray for the missions and show generosity on *World Mission Sunday*.

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.

Monthly Day of Adoration

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to silent adoration 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. Vincent de Paul Soup/Sandwich Preparation

Tuesday, Oct. 17th at 9:40 am preparing sandwich and soup ingredients and **Wednesday, Oct. 18th at 9:40 am** making soup and sandwiches in the Church hall.

Important Change

The bank has asked us to let our parishioners know to make their cheques payable to RCEC – Immaculate Conception. When you are making cheques payable to the Diocesan Appeal please make them out to RCEC – Diocesan Appeal.

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. Oct. 15th

<u>9 am</u>		<u>11 am</u>
	Lectors	
IC School		Freddy Padilla-Baca
IC School		Anita Santos
	Extraordinary Ministers	
Bert Roberge		Frank Istok
Julia Roberge		Baltazar Rodrigues
Stephanie Hellyer		Teresa Phillippe
	Intercessory Prayer	
IC School		Catherine Nolin-Hanlon
	Offertory Family	
IC School		Tonya Kruger
		Cheryl MacNeil
		Kate Schenk
	Music	
Donncha		Martha
	Altar Servers	
Tehya. H.		Hina R.
Tony K.		Tomas I.
Jakob H.		Veronika I.
	Hospitality Sunday	
	Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast	

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The city-wide Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin on **Tuesday** from **7:30 pm -9:00 pm** at St. Mary's in the parish office (Gillett St). If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, or if you would like to volunteer with the RCIA program please contact Claudia at Sacred Heart Cathedral 250-564-5225 or St. Mary's 250-564-4097 or email clowdy1@hotmail.com

Diocesan Annual Appeal

"Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving."

Our Parish Goal is: \$44,336.00

Received to date: - 18,890.00

Total to Goal \$25,446.00

of people donated: 73

This represents 40% of our Goal.

Please make cheques payable to:

RCEC - 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

Prince George 40 Days For Life

The campaign begins from **September 27 to November 5th**. Participants will be standing in peaceful, prayerful vigil from **7am - 7pm** on 15th in front of the University Hospital of Northern British Columbia. If you are able to give an hour or more of your time over the 40 days we have signup sheets in the church foyer or contact us at 40dayspgbc@gmail.com or phone Angelica @ [250-301-8135](tel:250-301-8135) or Lucy @ [250-962-7454](tel:250-962-7454).

Prince George Pregnancy Care Centre Fundraiser - "JUST DESSERTS"

This will be held at the Westwood Mennonite Church **Saturday, Oct. 28th at 7 pm**. Please RSVP by **October 20th** by calling 250-562-4464 or email admin@pgpcc.ca Join us as we come together for testimonies to how God is working, for a time to dream about how much more He will do, and for amazing spread of desserts.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – CARITAS CANADA--JOIN A MINI-WORKSHOP ON OUR NEW "MAY PEACE BE WITH HER" CAMPAIGN!

Join us for a two-hour mini-workshop and informal gathering on **Saturday, October 14, 2017** to be held in a quiet room at the Twisted Cork Restaurant in Prince George (1157-5th Avenue) at **11:30 AM-1:30 PM**. For more information, contact Catherine Nolin Hanlon at nolin@unbc.ca and/or Dick Mynen at dick.mynen@tdb.ca

We really encourage YOUTH to join us to learn about Development and Peace and how youth are critical to caring for our common home and being at the heart of the action!

Fall 2017 "Points to Ponder" series.

We invite you to join us at St. Mary's, either at noon hour or in the evening as we begin our Fall 2017 **"Points to Ponder"** series with one of our favourite speakers, Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI. **The Topic is: Mysticism: "The Heartbeat of God". (3 Sessions)- Dates: Mondays, October 16, 23 and 30 Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm OR 7:00—8:30 pm (Please indicate time choice! Where: St. Mary's Parish Office—Board Room. Facilitators: Sisters Irene Baker and Dorothy Ryan, Sisters of St. Joseph. Registration: Please register by calling Colleen, the secretary at St. Mary's Parish: (250) 563-7502 or email at stmarys.parish@shawcable.com**