

November 4th, 2018
Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Get your priorities straight!" When someone says that, I hear the voice of my father from when I was little—maybe not in those words, but telling me to concentrate on what was important. These days with "lots on my plate" to do each day, I need to prioritize. I find myself so easily distracted by things that I like to do, or things that don't involve conflict or pain!

That's the message from today's Scriptures. Jesus, drawing on the Old Testament where Moses calls the people to love God totally, gives us the priorities of the Kingdom: Love of God and love of neighbor. That's Christ's answer to the scribe who wants to know what the first of all the commandments is. Jesus quotes a text which was used as a daily prayer by faithful Jews: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is Lord alone!" Then he goes on to add the love of neighbor as our self—something that flows naturally from love of God.

In these days when so many other things distract us, calling for our time and energy, we need these Christian priorities. Whether it's within the parish, or in our family life, or beyond—in our world if we focus on God first, then on loving others because of our relationship with God—we'll have our priorities straight. And then we can properly evaluate everything else.

Fr. Greg Friedman, O.F.M.



Pre-authorized Debit

We are offering pre-authorized debit as a way to simplify your Mass donation on a bi-weekly or monthly basis. If you are interested, please pick up a pre-authorized sheet from the Church foyer (wall) and hand it in to the parish office with a void cheque.

Blessing of the Graves

We will gather at the entrance of the City Cemetery **today** at **1:30 pm** for prayer and then go to bless individual graves.

Funeral Workshop and Estate Planning

With Val Haas, funeral director, Carolynne Burkholder-James, lawyer with Heather Sadler Jenkins, and Fr. Chris, pastor, on **Thursday at 10 am** in the Church hall. Coffee and goodies served.

Children's Liturgy Needs Help

We are very pleased with the success of Children's Liturgy at the 11 am Mass. But in order to continue, we need your help. **Please consider this ministry to lead 1 lesson a month**, or be a helper to assist the leader. We need at least 1 more leader, and 2 helpers, to be able to continue. Training provided. Please contact the Parish Office: 250-964-4898.

Immaculate Conception School News

Kindergarten Registration

We are currently accepting registrations for **Kindergarten 2019**. If you have younger siblings or know of anyone who interested in having their child attend Immaculate Conception School this coming September, please have them complete a registration form and return to the office as soon as possible. You can obtain a registration form from the website at www.icschool.ca, under admissions or pick one up from the school office.

Job Opportunity

Immaculate Conception School is looking for a **part-time Educational Assistant**. Please submit your resume and any supporting documents to the Principal, Kathleen Barth email kbarth@cispg.ca

St. Vincent de Paul Soup/Sandwich Preparation

Tuesday, Nov. 20th at 9:40 am preparing sandwich and soup ingredients and **Wednesday Nov. 21st at 9:40 am** making soup and sandwiches in the Church hall.

Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast **Sunday, Nov. 18th.** Everyone is welcomed.

Monthly Adoration

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, November 13th** at the Domano Chapel. Mass will be celebrated at **7:30 am** and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from **8 am – 8 pm.**

Diocesan Annual Appeal – “Called Together”

Called Together supports the mission of our local Church across our diocese.

Our Parish Goal is: \$42,328

Please make cheques payable to:

RCEC - Diocesan Appeal

Thank you for your generosity.

Catholicism: Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith by Bishop Robert Barron. This will take place at Monday from noon until 1:30 pm at St. Mary's Church in the St. Eugene Room located at 1088 Gillett St.

– **Episode 8: The Communion of Saints:** The story of the Church, our Catholic Faith, is told and made visible through the examples of some of the Church's greatest heroes – men and women who dedicated their lives to serving Jesus Christ. Bishop Barron tells the story of the Church as a vast company of witnesses who are called by Christ to be a Communion of Saints.

Job Opportunities

The Catholic Independent Schools needs a full time **Finance Officer** and a part-time **Payroll Clerk**. Please see the website www.cispg.ca for more details.

40 Days for Life

Today is the final day of the vigil. There will be a candle **light vigil from 5pm - 7pm** followed by **fellowship and snacks** just after **7 pm** at **St. Mary's** in the St. Eugene room. (Use the Freeman St. Entrance.)

YOUTH GRADES 7-12

You are welcome to attend St. Mary's Youth Group on **Wed., Nov. 14th** from **6:30-8:30 pm** in the St. Mary's School Gym. The group seeks to empower youth to take leadership roles in outreach projects, social gatherings, spiritual enrichment, and recreational fun! It also strives to support parents through networking.

Young Adult Summit at Immaculate Conception Church.

On **Friday, Nov. 23rd** from **7 pm – 9 pm** is a night of reflection, testimonies from young adults, adoration and exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Confession, praise and worship, and fellowship.

MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS

On **Tues. Nov. 20th at 5:30 pm**, there will be a Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral with Bishop Jensen and the priests of the diocese to remember and pray for all our deceased priests and religious who have served our diocese.

ARE YOU A YOUNG MAN WHO BELIEVES GOD IS CALLING YOU TO SERVE GOD?

If so, there will be Live-In weekend on **Nov. 16th-18th** at the Seminary of Christ the King. For more information call Fr. Terry Brock, Vocations Director at (250)624-3095 or go to <http://sck.ca/vocations/vocation-live-in/>

The Word Made Flesh: An Advent Retreat

Please mark your calendar to join us on retreat from **Fri. Nov. 30th to Sun., Dec. 2nd**, as we transition into Advent 2018! Together we will ponder the mysteries of Christmas, following the example of Mary whose way to prepare was to “*treasure these things in her heart*” (Lk 2:19). Fr. Basil Burns, Spiritual Director of the Domano Renewal Centre, will lead us in Mass, teaching, reflection and fellowship at the DRC throughout the weekend. More information to follow on our website and in upcoming bulletins. All are welcome!