

November 18th, 2018

Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

There's an old Chinese blessing—or is it a curse: “May you live in interesting times!”

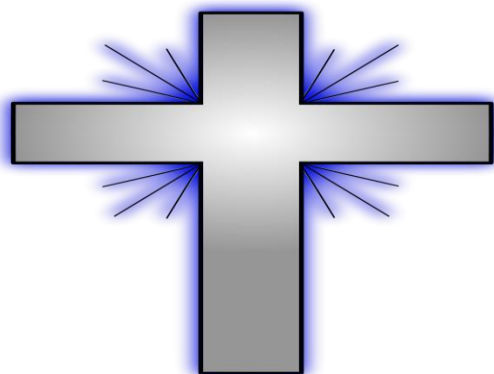
We live in times marked with the constant threat of terrorism, dizzying changes in technology, and a struggle by people just to keep up. I suspect we'd all trade a lot of the chaos for something less “interesting.”

We're in good company. Read today's passage from the thirteenth chapter of the *Gospel of Mark*. It's from a section of “apocalyptic” sayings by Jesus. “Apocalyptic” writing in the Bible deals with the future, and is full of strange and poetic symbolism. Its meaning can be a mystery.

Scripture scholars suggest that this chapter of *Mark* reflects in part the chaotic times in which Mark's community lived—perhaps in the midst of Roman persecution. Fear, violence, threats to the community were a reality. Christians must have wondered if the end was near.

In response, Mark reassures us with the words of Jesus. In verses just preceding today's selection, we hear that the end of all things must wait until the gospel is proclaimed to the ends of the earth—a task still in process today. True, Christians must struggle, but they're not to retreat from chaos. Instead, we must be in the midst of it—active witnesses to hope. Jesus' words, full of hope, will never pass away.

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**.

First Reconciliation and First Communion 2019

For those children in Grade 2 **who are ready** – i.e. they have been attending Sunday Mass on a regular basis.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will take place in our Church on **Tuesday, February 19th at 6:30 pm**.

There will be **meeting with parents** on **Tuesday, February 5th at 6:30 pm** in the Church Meeting Room.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on **Sunday, May 5th at 11 am Mass**. There will be a meeting for parents before the celebration of First Holy Communion.

Registration for these Sacraments will take place on **Sunday, January 6th at 10:10 am** in the Church Meeting Room.

Sunday Missals and Calendars

Today we will be selling 2019 Missals and Calendars after all Masses for \$5.

Senior's Christmas Luncheon

Noon Sunday, Dec. 2nd

You are cordially invited to our annual Christmas luncheon in the Church Hall. A time of fellowship and a delicious lunch of soup, sandwiches and goodies. Invite someone you know who is in need of some Christmas cheer. There may even be a few surprises!! If you are in need of a ride, please let us know and we will provide transportation.

To all parishioners: If you would like to help by offering some Christmas baking or sandwiches, please contact Tonya Kruger at 250-964-2939 or email tkruger@cispg.ca. We had a wonderful turnout last year, and so donation of sandwiches and baking and your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

Any Immaculate Conception School Alumni that would like to help serve lunch, please contact Kate Schenk at kschenk@cispg.ca

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Immaculate Conception School News

Darren Spyksma will be holding an evening presentation on the redesigned curriculum tomorrow night, **Monday at 7 pm** in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome.

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 at 9:40 am preparing sandwich and soup ingredients and **Wednesday at 9:40 am** making soup and sandwiches in the Church hall.

Temple Grandin - Movie with Meaning

This movie will be shown on the St. Eugene Room at St. Mary's Parish on **today from 1:30 pm – 4 pm**. Facilitators: Sr. Irene Baker and Sr. Dorothy Ryan. Suggested donation: \$5 – Popcorn and drinks are provided! This is about an autistic woman who overcame the limitations imposed on her by her condition to become a Ph.D., an expert in the field of animal husbandry.

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 10: World Without End: The Last Things**: This last episode explains the Church's conviction that life here and now is merely a preparation for the extraordinary world that is yet to come. Bishop Barron presents the Catholic vision of death, judgement, heaven, hell and purgatory. This vision of the Church sees beyond this world and invites us to consider a world without end.

MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS

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

Young Adult Summit at Immaculate Conception Church.

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

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.

The Word Made Flesh: An Advent Retreat

Please mark your calendar to join us on retreat from **Fri. Nov. 30th 7pm to Sun., Dec. 2nd 1.30pm**, as we transition into Advent 2018! 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. Contact Vanya at 250-964-4475 to register.

Prince George Pregnancy Care Centre, in partnership with Advocate Life & Education Services, invites you to our inaugural Fundraising Banquet on **Thurs. Nov. 29th** at Hart Hall, featuring guest speaker Shawn Carney. *This event is to raise money to open a brand new pregnancy care centre in Prince George!* Table sponsorship starts at \$250. Individual General Seating is FREE! RSVP by **November 21st** via email: miar@hopeforwomen.ca; text: "Banquet" to 604 832 6311; or phone: 250-562-4464.

Women United
Third Interdenominational Prayer Event
7 pm – Nov. 30th
at Cedars Christian School



Please remember the Church and School in your Will.