

March 17th, 2019
Second Sunday of Lent
Happy St. Patrick's Day

Some of us know our life's mission early on: We're committed to a career, family, using our talents in a particular kind of service. Others may take many years to find their path in life. Lent is a time when we re-affirm our Christian mission, no matter what our individual vocations may be.

We hear stories this Sunday about "mission." Abram is given his role as father of his people. On the mountain of the transfiguration, Jesus appears with two great figures from Hebrew religious history, and Luke tells us Jesus spoke with them of his "passage"—his "exodus" which was to come in Jerusalem. Luke undoubtedly wanted his Christian audience to reflect on their mission as well—to undergo the same "passage" from death to new life.

In our Christian communities this season, we're preparing with those who will be baptized at Easter. Let's reaffirm our own Christian commitment as we pray and fast with them. We take heart from God's presence with us in the covenant relationship of that baptismal commitment.

Fr. Greg Friedman, O.F.M.



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

First Communion

The **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**, for those already registered, will take place on **Sunday, May 5th at 11 am Mass**. Before the celebration of First Holy Communion, there will be a meeting for parents and children at **6:30 pm April 25th** in the Church.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

7 pm Wednesday May 1st

(Registration has already taken place.)

Before the celebration of Confirmation there will be a **practice meeting for parents, candidates for Confirmation and their sponsors at 6:30 pm Tuesday, April 23rd** in the Church.

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.

Support Our Sponsors

Please support our sponsors who advertise in the back of the bulletin.

Wills

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

Fasting and almsgiving are 'the two wings of prayer' which enable it to gain momentum and more easily reach God. St. Augustine

Lenten Noon Hour Series
With Bishop Robert Barron

Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues

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

The sessions run from **Noon to 1:30 pm**.

Monday, March 18th

Sloth and Zeal; Avarice and Generosity

Monday, April 1st

Gluttony and Asceticism; Lust and Chastity

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Drop-in's are encouraged, tell your friends!

SAINTLY MARCH MOVIE NIGHTS: On **Thursday the 21st and 28th of March** – we will gather in Nazareth House at Domano Renewal Center at **6:00 pm** and the movie will begin at 6:30 pm sharp. The movies will concentrate on the lives of saints

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.

THE IMMANUEL APPROACH FOR HEALING AND INTIMACY: A NEW DEVOTION?

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, and will present it at the Catholic Psychological Association Meeting in late April in the United States. Come learn about a kind of prayer that help you grow in intimacy with the God who never leaves our side. For those who would like to stay, there will be an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration and for this special form of prayer from **1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Sat. April 13th** at the Domano Renewal Centre. *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**

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:

- An opportunity for children to fall in love with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in a child-friendly space called an atrium – located in a church or school.
- Guided activity to aid meditation on Scripture and the mysteries of the Christian Faith once a week - in small groups, facilitated by trained adults (catechists).
- That each child's unique spiritual needs and abilities are respected and nurtured.

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. Those outside the city can watch via a live link on YouTube. The details will be released the week before the meeting.

You can also visit their website at www.cgsac.ca.

CHRISM MASS will be celebrated at **7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 9th** at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

In this diocesan celebration the:

- a. Holy Oils and Chrism used in the Sacraments are consecrated.
- b. 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.



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.