

May 12th, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations



As a youngster in the 1950's, serving Mass in my home parish, I was always excited when a Franciscan priest who grew up in our neighborhood came home for a visit. He'd become a foreign missionary, and I loved to hear his stories of different lands and peoples. He inspired me to consider the priesthood, and a vocation to the Franciscans.

But I never actually became a foreign missionary. My Christian life—like that of most Catholics I know—is usually a lot less glamorous. My “mission field” is the inner-city parish where I'm pastor, and the broadcasting and webcasting world, where I'm part of what Pope John Paul II called the “new evangelization.” Your “mission field” may be your home and family, your daily work, or your school.

So today, when we hear the exciting adventures of Paul and Barnabas in the reading from the *Acts of the Apostles*, we may wonder: How can we answer the call from Jesus to “go out and preach to all nations”?

One way is to support missionaries we may know personally by our prayers and financial help. We can also match their zeal in our *own* witness to Christ, and sharing our faith with others where appropriate. Let our attitude be that of the Good Shepherd, whose care for us is proclaimed in today's *Gospel*.

Father Greg Friedman, O. F. M.

Pope's Pastoral Works Collection May 19th

Each year at this time, Canadian Catholics are asked to give generously to this papal collection, which is passed on to the Holy Father for his use among those stricken by natural disasters.

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.

Monthly Adoration

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 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**.

Immaculate Conception School

Immaculate Conception School is looking for a certified **Education Assistant**. We are looking for an individual who is specifically trained and has current experience with children with ASD and Down Syndrome. Experience with visual communication systems and sensory strategies would be an asset. For more information or to apply, contact Kathleen Barth at the school office (250-964-4362).

2nd Annual Kodiak Classic Golf Tournament

IC School Fundraiser

June 1st – Aberdeen Glen Golf Course

Regular (deadline May 24th) \$125 per person. For sponsorship & registration email icgolftourney@outlook.com



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.

YOUNG WOMEN THINKING OF RELIGIOUS LIFE?

The Carmelite Sisters in Armstrong, BC are hosting a live-in from **May 17th-19th**. See poster for further details or check out their website at www.carmelspall.org

Baby Bottle Campaign 2019

Please pick up a baby bottle from the church foyer. 100% of the proceeds from this year's campaign will assist pregnant women and mothers in our community. Donations go to Hope for Women Pregnancy Services, which is a new pro-life service operating in Prince George. Please return your baby bottles by Father's Day. You can also donate online at BABYBOTTLES.CA

CAMP MORICE SUMMER 2019 DATES: go to: <https://www.campmorice.ca/index.php/camp-dates/> to check out what's happening and to register for this summer's camps.



VISIT

<http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/ecwmv-event/rose-prince-pilgrimage/>

FOR DETAILS

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This year's guest speaker is Bishop Gary Gordon from the Diocese of Victoria. Since his ordination, Bishop Gary's love of nature and connecting with his congregation, especially with First Nations communities, developed a lifelong bond

with the Stó:lō Nation. Embodying the model to *Authentically Witness Excellence*, his adventurous, outgoing spirit, and gift of storytelling endeared him to the community. Shortly after being appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Whitehorse in 2006, in honour of his evangelising and connecting with the people, Bishop Gordon received the name *Xyolhmetoxw*, which means 'taking care of the people' in Halq'eméylem, the language of the Stó:lō Nation.

Tunes for Tummies Friday, May 31st

Columbus Community Centre

Come out and enjoy a roast beef dinner, win some door prizes, and an evening of fantastic entertainment from **6 pm – 11 pm**. There will be a silent auction with some wonderful prizes, a 50/50 draw, and a cash bar. Profits go to St. Vincent de Paul to help ease the struggle for people within our community.

Tickets are \$40 and available at tunesfortummies@gmail.com from Laura 250-640-0000 or Mary 250-617-8747.

FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE BILL TO BE DEBATED

MAY 29—Bill C- 418 is a private members' bill in parliament that would protect the conscience rights of doctors and other medical professionals who don't want to participate in assisted suicide.

Please sign the online petition to inform members of parliament that we support the conscience rights of medical personnel: www.citizengo.org/en-ca.

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

