

May 19th, 2019 Fifth Sunday of Easter

During World War II, my great-uncle in Italy served as a “partisan”—a resistance fighter against the Nazis—and he gave his life for that cause. Resistance fighters like him fought throughout occupied Europe. They had to communicate secretly, often in code, as they tried to give hope to their captive brothers and sisters.

On these Easter Sundays, we read from the *Book of Revelation*. This New Testament work is puzzling, with its strange descriptions and symbolism. Many readers misunderstand its purpose, and try to find involved, often convoluted references to specific events in our own time or the future. But much of *Revelation* refers to the time in which it was written. Like those resistance fighters in occupied Europe, the early Christians lived through persecution under Roman rule. I like to understand the *Book of Revelation* as a kind of “resistance literature”—a message of hope shared by persecuted Christians. Jesus has triumphed over evil; God’s enemies will be defeated, even death itself.

Today, we Christians face our own troubles. We need to hear encouragement, as the *Book of Revelation* tells us that all will be made new—that death is not the end. It’s an ancient message of hope as new as today’s dawn.

Father Greg Friedman, O. F. M.



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

Baby Bottle Campaign 2019

Please pick up a baby bottle from the church foyer **next Sunday**. 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

St. Vincent de Paul

Help is needed for the St Vincent de Paul Sandwich Line for the upcoming summer months. Sandwiches and coffee are served weekday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm or Saturday from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Drop-In Centre, 1220 - 2nd Avenue. Please phone Joy at 250 564-4148 or Lisa at 250 981-9218 for further details.

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please check out our website at www.ssvdppg.com

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.

Take care of your body as if you were going to live forever, and take care of your soul as if you were going to die tomorrow.

St. Augustine

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

TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT

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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.

FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE BILL TO BE DEBATED

MAY 29TH- 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.citizenengo.org/en-ca.

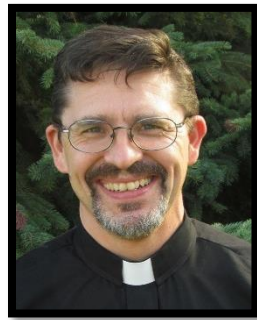
YOU ARE INVITED TO COME AND SAY "THANK YOU" TO FR.

BASIL for his service to our diocesan communities.

Fr. Basil, OSB (Order of St. Benedict) is responding to the call to return to monastic life.

He will be moving to St.

Vincent's Archabbey,
Pennsylvania.



There will be a Mass and a social at the Domano Renewal Centre on Thursday, **May 30th** from **5:30 pm – 8:00 pm** to show appreciation.

MASS: 5:30 pm Chapel (Fr. Basil celebrant)

SOCIAL: Following Mass -- 8:00 pm Bethany

Snacks and refreshments

There will be an opportunity to write a personal message to Fr. Basil. This will go into the memento gift book.

RSVP: To assist in the planning please email drc@pgdiocese.bc.ca OR call Vanya at 250-964-4475.

Please bring a plate of goodies to share.

Wanted

We are collecting stamps with $\frac{1}{2}$ " border and postcards. The proceeds from the sale of these items are used to provide cancer dressings to those patients in need, free of charge. Please place your items in the small black basket on the table in the church foyer.

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.

Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. The actual words matter less.

St. John XXIII