

**May 26th, 2019**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Shortly before his death Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago launched "Common Ground." Distressed by the polarization among Catholics, he believed that people of good will who agreed on basic Catholic doctrine, even while expressing diverse viewpoints within the Church, could come together and seek to listen to one another.

Today's First Reading reminds me of Cardinal Bernardin's dream of reconciliation. Centuries ago, Jewish and Gentile Christians found themselves disagreeing on how to follow Jesus. Trusting in the Holy Spirit they prayed and shared their different approaches—and we read the result today.

The Gospel today also reflects something of the early community's uncertainty about its future. At the Last Supper, the disciples realize Jesus is about to leave them. They're troubled and afraid, not knowing how they will survive without him. Jesus assures them that he will send "the Advocate, the Holy Spirit," who will teach them and remind them of all Jesus told them. In effect, Jesus is promising that the Church can always rely on the Spirit to guide it in troubled times.

When we face difficulties and even disagreements within the Church, we mustn't forget what Jesus promises in today's Gospel: He sends us his Spirit to be our "Advocate" and teacher. The Spirit will help us discover the peace that Jesus gives—a peace the world does not know.

**Father 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**.

**St. Vincent de Paul Soup/Sandwich Preparation**

**Tuesday, June 18th at 9:40 am** preparing sandwich and soup ingredients and **Wednesday, June 19th at 9:40 am** making soup and sandwiches in the Church hall.

**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).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kodiak Classic Golf Tournament**  
**IC School Fundraiser**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> – Aberdeen Glen Golf Course**

Regular (deadline May 24<sup>th</sup>) \$125 per person. For sponsorship & registration email [icgolftourney@outlook.com](mailto:icgolftourney@outlook.com)

**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](http://BABYBOTTLES.CA)

**Monthly Adoration**

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, June 11th** at the Domano Chapel. Mass will be celebrated at **7:30 am** and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from **8 am – 8 pm**.

**We shall steer safely through every storm so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast and our trust fixed on God.**

**St. Francis de Sales**

### **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](http://www.ssvdppg.com)

---

**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**

**Fr. Vincent James**

Box 580 Fraser Lake BC V0J 1S0

Phone: 250-699-6593

**This year's guest speaker is** Bishop Gary Gordon from the Diocese of Victoria.

---

### **FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE BILL TO BE DEBATED**

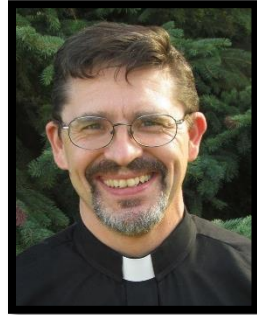
**MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>**- Bill C- 418 is a private members' bill in parliament that would protect the conscience rights of doctors and other medical professionals who don't want to participate in assisted suicide.

Please sign the online petition to inform members of parliament that we support the conscience rights of medical personnel: [www.citizen.org/en-ca](http://www.citizen.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 30<sup>th</sup>** from **5:30 pm – 8:00 pm** to show appreciation.

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

**SOCIAL: 6:15 pm -- 8:00 pm** at **Pastoral Centre Conference Room**

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](mailto: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 ½" 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.*

---