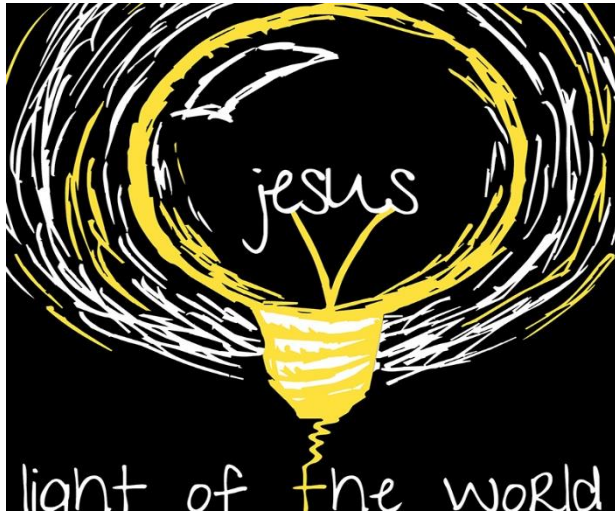


February 9th, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Our first reading today always causes me to smile. Back in the 1970's, I belonged to a Christian mime group. In white face make-up and gaudy suspenders, we acted out Bible stories for church groups around the Cincinnati, Ohio, area. The passage from *Isaiah* today about sharing with the poor, the homeless, those in need—was one of our favorite routines. I remember miming the act of feeding the hungry, befriending the oppressed, giving clothes to those who needed them, and then reacting in surprise at the prophet's words, "your light shall break forth like the dawn." I think we all leaped into the air at that point—a move that I wouldn't try today!

My point with all this? Well, the prophecy from *Isaiah* made for some concrete pantomime gestures because the prophet describes such concrete, practical actions to begin with. It's what Jesus is getting at in the *Gospel* when he urges us to be "salt for the earth" and "light for the world." Christianity is more than words—it's a life lived out in concrete action. People need to see our faith expressed in our deeds, especially on behalf of those in need. It's better than a sermon—or maybe even better than a pantomime by a troupe of Gospel clowns.

Father Greg Friedman, O. F. M.

Please make cheques out to R.C.E.C. Immaculate Conception Church or R.C.E.C. I.C. Parish.

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

The First Reconciliation will take place on **Tuesday, Feb. 18th at 6:30 pm.**

Please bring in your old palms so that they can be burnt for Ash Wednesday.

St. Vincent de Paul Soup/Sandwich Preparation at Immaculate Conception Church

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

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
Next Sunday after the 9 am & 11am Masses.



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**

BOGUS EMAIL MESSAGES FROM BISHOP AND CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE. There have been a few reports from people receiving emails from priests and the bishop indicating they require assistance of some kind. Please **DO NOT** respond to these emails. The emails so far seem to be from @gmail.com accounts. Note that all priests and bishop email addresses associated with the diocese have the suffix @pgdiocese.bc.ca or @pgdiocese.ca

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK February 11th

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. **February 11th** (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.



THE ANNUAL YOUNG ADULT SMITHERS SKI RETREAT: 'VERSO L'ALTO'//TO THE HEIGHTS



Smithers. Skiing. Retreating. Bl.
Pier Giorgio Frassati. What
more could one ask for?
Come join us **Feb. 14th-16th**

on the beautiful slopes of Hudson
Bay Mountain and the beautiful parish of
St. Joseph's for a time away from the busyness of
daily life. Ages 19 and up.

This retreat will fill out quickly, and registration is
up and running, so don't delay! Registration will
close February 10th. All information such as prices
and car-pooling will be on the registration link. To
register or for more info, email Lisa at
lvfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca.

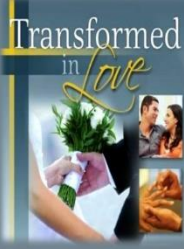
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Wills

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

If then you remain constant in your faith in
the face of trial, the Lord will give you peace
and rest for a time in this world, and forever
in the next. St. Jerome Emiliani



Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program

This program is intended for those
marrying in the Catholic Church

April 24-26, 2020

For details and registration click here:

<https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/marriage-preparation-retreat>

DYC 2020 - MAY 1ST-3RD, 2020

The 25th anniversary of DYC in the Diocese of Prince
George:

The Gateway: "I came that they may have life and
have it abundantly." John 10:10

REGISTER NOW AT:

<https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/youth/registration-2020-dyc/>



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.

Wanted

We are collection stamps with 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.