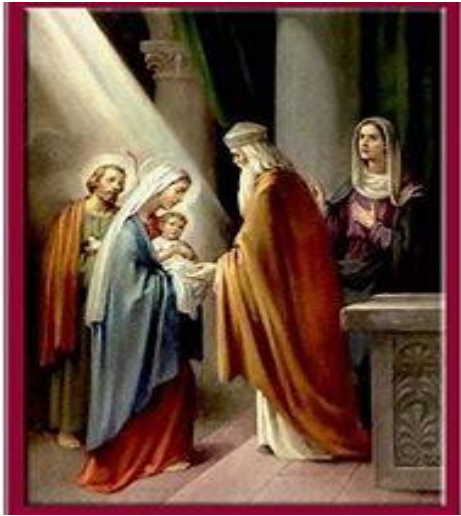


February 2nd, 2020
The Presentation of the Lord



All-powerful
Father,
Christ your Son
became man for
us
and was
presented
in the temple.
May he free our
hearts
from sin
and bring us
into your
presence.
Amen.

Celebrating today's feast is a little like finding a leftover Christmas present we forgot to open. This year it's celebrated on a Sunday, so the usual "Ordinary Time" readings give way to the beautiful story of Mary and Joseph presenting the infant Jesus in the temple.

I don't have time here to explore all the riches of this feast. For centuries the Church has celebrated this day as a hopeful bit of light in winter's darkness—at least in the Northern Hemisphere! We traditionally bless candles on this day, thus giving the feast another name: "Candlemas."

Luke—whose *Gospel* story we read today—was interested in connecting his Gentile Christian audience with the rich tradition which nurtured the Christian faith. He paints a beautiful portrait of two figures—Simeon and Anna—who meet Jesus in the temple. They confirm to Mary and Joseph how their child fulfills ancient prophecies to Israel. He will be "a light of revelation to the Gentiles."

Simeon's words form a canticle used by the Church in its Night Prayer for the Liturgy of the Hours. You might want to make it your own, asking God to give you peaceful rest at day's end. At least sometime during every day we're gifted—like Simeon—with the revelation of God at work in our lives through Jesus Christ.

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.

Catholic Missions in Canada Collection

This collection will take place on **Feb. 9th**. Funds raised are used to support the works of the Catholic Missions in Canada who have funded the sacred efforts of missionaries as they proclaim His word here in Canada.

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Meeting with Parents and Registration for these Sacraments will take place this coming **Tuesday, Feb. 4th at 6.30 pm** in the meeting room.

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.

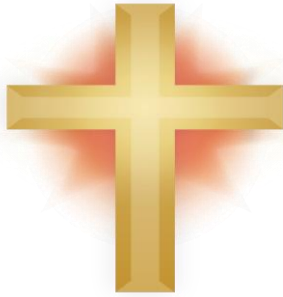
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, February 16th after the 9 am & 11am Masses.

Monthly Adoration

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, February 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**

Kind words can be short and easy to speak,
but their echoes are truly endless.

St. Teresa of Calcutta



MESSAGE FROM BISHOP JENSEN REGARDING CHANGE IN THE DIOCESAN CURIA

After four years in the role, Fr. Rectorino Tolentino has asked to step down as Vicar General to return to full-time parish ministry. I have accepted his request and on behalf of the clergy and laity of the diocese I thank him for his dedicated service.

I'm pleased to announce that Fr. Terence Brock is appointed the new Vicar General, while continuing in his role as pastor of Annunciation Parish in Prince Rupert. I assure him of our prayerful support as he begins to serve the diocese in this new capacity.

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



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Come join us **Feb. 14th-16th**
on the beautiful slopes of Hudson

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

Vocation Live-In

On the weekend of **February 7th – 9th**, 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 more information call 604-826-
8715.

If you want to attend, please contact:

College Seminary Live In:

Father Matthew Gerlich, OSB

Email: rector.majors@yahoo.ca

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Father Peter Nygren, OSB

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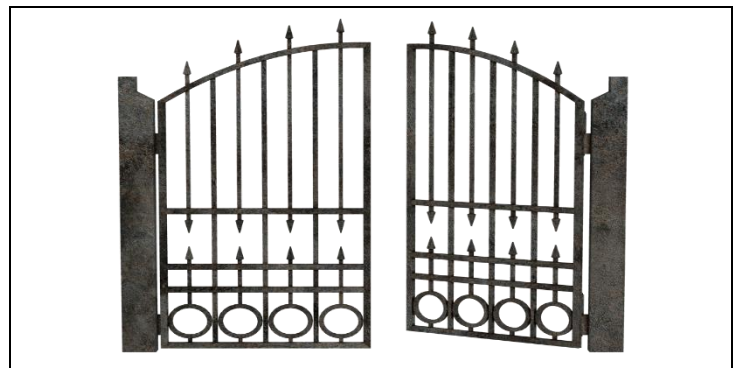
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**The 25th anniversary of DYC in the Diocese of Prince
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The Gateway: "I came that they may have life and
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(wall) and hand it in to the parish office with a
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Wanted

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