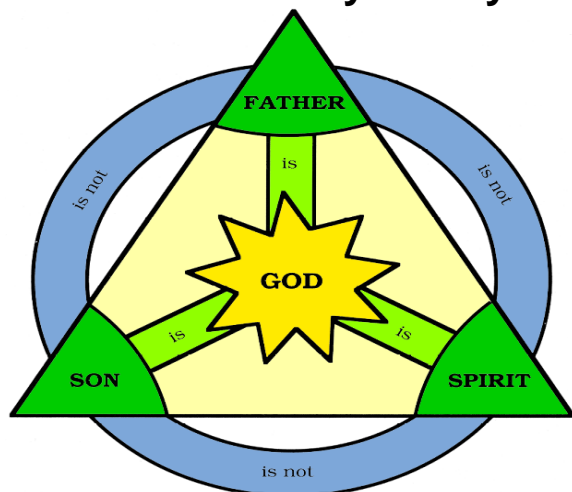


June 7th, 2020 The Most Holy Trinity



As a friar it sometimes happens that when I've planned a trip by car another member of my community asks to ride along. I confess it makes me stop and think: Do I want to spend hours in the car with that person? Traveling with another person means forming a relationship or building on one.

In today's first reading, Moses asks God to "come along in our company"—to travel with the Israelites to the Promised Land. Moses admits they are "stiff-necked"—perhaps not the best traveling companions. But in reality it's God who's invited Israel on this trip. And God will supply what's needed to get them to their destination. Their relationship with God will be life-giving.

Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate a divine relationship—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—three divine persons, one God. Understanding *how that relationship works* may be more than we can comprehend. But understanding *what that relationship means* is essential.

Through the Trinity we have strength to live in relationship to one another. As today's second reading says: We're to encourage one another and live in peace—and the God of love and peace will, in effect, "come along in our company." Such a relationship is God's plan for us. The *Gospel* tells us that in what is perhaps the New Testament's most famous quote, John 3:16—God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

Father Greg Friedman, O. F. M.

VICE CHANCELLOR — Martha Primus will be leaving her position as Vice Chancellor of the Diocese of Prince George. Her final day of employment at the Pastoral Centre is July 24, 2020. She leaves the Chancery to join the staff of Immaculate Conception Parish as Pastoral Assistant and Administrative Assistant. Planning is underway to ensure that Chancery services will continue to be delivered efficiently.

Jean Hopley's Retirement

Jean Hopley, our Administrative Assistant for the last 23 years, will be retiring this summer. August 7th will be her last day on the job. We thank Jean most sincerely for her dedication and commitment to this parish in serving all our parishioners and surviving 6 pastors. We wish Jean all God's Blessings in her retirement. She will continue to be an active member of the Parish.

We welcome, Martha Primus, as our new Administrative Assistant and Pastoral Assistant. Martha comes to us with many gifts. She was Pastoral Life Director at St. Peter's Parish in McKenzie for 10 years and provided sacramental preparation, music ministry and a variety of parish ministries. Martha is currently Vice Chancellor of the Diocese. We look forward to having Martha as part of our Parish team.

Sunday Masses

Please continue to go online or phone the office to register for Sunday Masses at regular times, 9am, 11am and 7pm. We are trying to keep the number at 50 max according to Provincial Health guidelines. The 7pm Mass is very quiet and would be a good Mass to attend for those who are uncomfortable with larger numbers.

Daily Mass continues as regular Monday to Saturday at 9am.

Let us always meet each other with a smile,
for the smile is the beginning of love.
St. Teresa of Calcutta

NET Ministries Canada Invites You to support **Joel Matte**, one of our young parishioners here at IC, who has been accepted to serve for a year of missionary work with young people across Canada. For those unfamiliar, NET Ministries is a Catholic organization aimed at igniting the faith of youth across Canada through missionary teams who spend time with them and help them to discover how awesome our faith and a relationship with Jesus is!

You are invited to be a NET missionary through prayer and by helping Joel reach the fundraising goal requirement for the ministry.

June 28th, 2020 Parish Bake Sale to support Joel.

You are also invited to support Joel's NET fundraising goal by making/donating baked goods for a bake-sale fundraiser to be held after the 9am and 11am Masses on **Sunday, June 28, 2020**. Please bring baked goods into the hall before Mass.

Joel will also be making an appeal at the end of the 9am and 11am Masses on **Sunday, June 14 and June 28, 2020** as well. You are welcome to speak with him and ask him questions after Mass.

Thank you so much in advance to all who are able to help with baking and/or donating on June 28th for baked goods to support Joel's missionary work with Net Ministries Canada!

To learn more and/or to donate, please contact Joel at cell: (250) 613-5522, email: Joel@Ps23.ca or visit www.netcanada.ca/joel-matte to make an online donation.



Immaculate Conception School
Principal's Message

Happy June! While our last month of school looks entirely different, we are thrilled to hear the sound of children's voices coming from a few of our classrooms! Thank you to all of our students and families for your patience, support and understanding as we have navigated through uncharted waters this term. We continue to be mandated by the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Authority and follow the protocols that have been set out by these governing authorities. While we are still awaiting further direction for September, we are committed to keeping families informed over the summer holidays.

This year we have focused on many teachings, including respect, wisdom, humility, love, truth, honesty and courage. We humbly look back on our learning adventures this year, and while they have been unique, we give God praise for all the many blessings He had bestowed upon us. We thank God for guiding us throughout this school year and allowing us to learn, pray, and play together.

On behalf of our staff, we wish everyone an enjoyable last month of school and we look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces again in September. **Mrs. Kathleen Barth, Principal**

Volunteers Needed

The school and church are looking for volunteers who will be able to help with yard clean up and weeding in the evenings and weekends. If you are able to help out, please contact Mrs. Barth at kbarth@cispq.ca for more information or phone the school at 250-964-4362.

The media only writes about the sinners and the scandals, but that's normal, because a tree that falls makes more noise than a forest that grows.
Pope Francis