

September 27, 2020

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time



What's your choice for a favorite Gospel parable? The Good Samaritan? The vineyard workers? The Prodigal Son? Hello, I'm Franciscan Father Greg Friedman with the Sunday Soundbite for the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Might I suggest a possibility for a favorite Gospel parable? It comes from the Gospel of Matthew—today's parable from Jesus about two sons: Their father asks each of them to go and work in the family vineyard. One says no, but later changes his mind and complies. The other says yes but doesn't go out to the vineyard. Jesus' conclusion: The first son—the one who thought better of his refusal and eventually went to work—that son truly carried out his father's will. The point our Lord wants to make is clear: Those who sin can change. Sinners who repent are welcome in the Kingdom.

And that's what makes this parable one of my favorites. I can't begin to guess how many times I've said no to God—in small ways, mostly. I've done this through bad choices—neglecting obvious opportunities to do good. Instead, I've put my own ego and my own comfort ahead of God's will. Fortunately, God leaves the door of the Kingdom open. Lots of times—through God's help and through the challenge and patience of other Christians—I've been motivated to re-consider my decision. I hope that makes me like the first son—capable of changing my mind and reconsidering God's will and God's way. And I call that Good News!

From Father Greg Friedman, OFM
Sunday Soundbites

Upcoming Parish and School Events:

- Distribution of grocery bags for hampers for St. Vincent de Paul – starting next Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020
- First Communion Celebrations, September 29, 30 & October 1, 2020
- Confirmation Celebrations October 6, 7 & 8, 2020

These will be celebrated with the children and their families only, this is to comply with Covid-19 protocols

SUNDAY MASSES and COVID-19 Protocols

BEGINNING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020 AT 6:00PM THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL MASS IN ANTICIPATION FOR THE SUNDAY LITURGY, AS WELL AS OUR REGULAR SUNDAY MASSES AT 9:00AM, 11:00AM AND 7:00PM.

We are all very aware of the second wave of Covid-19 in our community and recognize the need to keep everyone safe. **Therefore, we are taking additional and stricter measures that are in line with the protocols set out by [BC Centre for Disease Control](#) and [WorkSafe BC](#).**

Therefore:

- We will now have two spaces within our facility (church and hall) with a cap of 50 people per space.
- Each space will have its own entrance and exit. Those within each space cannot mix within the building.
- Upon arrival individuals must check in with the ushers.
- Sanitization and distancing are a must.
- If you need to use the washrooms please use them efficiently.
- If you have not registered by phone or online, you must register with the usher providing your name and email or phone number. Entrance is NOT guaranteed for unregistered people.
- If you register be sure to secure your spot by arriving at least 10 minutes prior to Mass starting.
- You **must register** by either calling the parish office at 250-964-4898 or register online at www.icparish.ca on our website at the [Eventbrite link](#)
- Your registration does **not guarantee a place in the church itself, but a place in our facility.**
- If your party includes children, and you are in the hall, please ensure that your child(ren) **DO NOT touch anything**, as our facility is used by the school and the YMCA and all of the property belongs to them and has been sanitized for their use.

Regular Daily Mass is celebrated at 9:00AM Monday thru Saturday.

Monthly Adoration

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, the 13th October** at the Domano Chapel.

Mass will be celebrated at **7:30AM** and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from **8:00AM – 8:00PM**.

Called to Stewardship

Last week we reviewed the “treasure” element of stewardship in our parish, and hope you were able to review the insert.

We invite you to share your time and talent with our parish, find out the ways you can do that by calling the parish office, check out the **Ministries** tab on our webpage, or email frchrislynch@yahoo.ca.

How can you share your ‘treasure’?

Please consider one of the following:

1. **Envelopes:** Many have envelopes, continue to leave it in the basket when you come to Mass, mail or drop at the parish office. Office is open Monday to Friday from 9:30AM to 2:00PM. See Martha in the parish office if you want envelopes. Please make cheques payable to **RCEC IC Parish** or **RCEC Immaculate Conception Parish**
2. **Pre-Authorized Debit:** To simplify weekly giving; consider having your offering come directly from your account to ours. This option is available on a bi-weekly or monthly basis. If interested, please pick up an application form from the church foyer or access the form on our webpage at <https://www.icparish.ca/> and fill in your PAD application.
3. **E-transfer:** This is at your fingertips you can make the offering online. Registered through icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca for a direct deposit.

Thank you for sharing your TIME, TALENT and TREASURE with Immaculate Conception Parish.

**A TAX RECEIPT WILL BE ISSUED FOR ALL DONATIONS.
THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO GET A BIT OF A TAX BREAK
AND TO SHARE YOUR TREASURE.**

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Sunday Collection of:	Sept 20, 2020
Envelopes	3547.00
Loose Change	177.30
Total Sunday Collection	\$3724.30
Children's Collection	\$ 28.50
Building/Grounds Collection(for roof)	\$ 100.00



Annual Appeal-Called Together

Thanks to all our donors who have already contributed. We ask that you continue to pray for the success of this year's appeal, as so many parishes, missions and ministries need our combined support.

The goal for the Diocese is \$200,000.

OUR PARISH GOAL is \$ 19, 804.00
to date, we have achieved **\$8310.00** of our goal.

St. Vincent de Paul

Is in need of volunteers at the Drop-In Centre, weekdays between 7:00 am and 2:30 pm. If you're not available for a regular shift we'd love to have you on an on-call basis. Please call Ashley, the Drop-In Manager at 250-564-7871, Monday to Friday between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm to discuss this opportunity.

Women's Discernment Group

All women ages 19-35 are invited to join the Women's Discernment Group for Vocations to Religious Life

This is a time to gather together, to enter into conversation, to grow, and to allow for discernment.

Over a sixteen-week period, beginning in October, a reading of Mother Clare Matthias' book '**Discerning Religious Life**' will take place.

Where ever you are in the Diocese, you are welcome to join (ZOOM will be used as the way to connect!) Please contact Lisa at lvfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca or phone 250-964-4424 (ext. 2109) for more information or to register.

Rachel's Vineyard Fall Retreats 2020

For a psychological & spiritual journey for healing.

If you or someone you know is suffering from post-abortion trauma, there is no need to suffer in silence. Rachel's Vineyard is here to help!

[Visit Facebook Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna](#)

Kelowna Retreat:

October 16-18

Call/email: 250-762-2273

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

Cache Creek Retreat:

October 21-23

Call/text: 250-267-5081

rvkamloops@yahoo.ca

RCIA

Are you or anyone you know interested in the Catholic Faith?

The RCIA is a journey of faith for: Unbaptised Adults, Baptised Adults from another Christian Faith, and Baptised Adults from the Catholic Christian Faith who have not received their First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

Please contact at 250-964-4898 or email Fr. Chris at clynch@pgdiocese.ca - tentative start date for the formation program is end of October.

"Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much."

St. Catherine of Siena