

# Saturday, October 10 & Sunday, October-11, 2020

## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time



Take pity on a friend of mine—he had two daughters married within six months. Imagine the financial burden as well

as the emotional pressures to please everyone. Happily, my friend held up well. I think of him as I read today's Gospel and the parable of a wedding where the host father doesn't fare as well. His guests refuse to come and then kill the servants who bring the invitations. At the feast itself, a guest without a wedding garment gets thrown out bodily. After all that the host had endured, who can blame him?

In borrowing this parable from his sources, Matthew adds the violent details for both guests and host. Matthew's community—composed of both Jewish and Gentile converts—had to endure hostility from the Jewish synagogue and perhaps the Romans as well. Scripture scholars suggest Matthew wants his community to take God's invitation to the Kingdom seriously. Those who refuse to come—some of God's Chosen People—receive a harsh judgment, as do Christians who take the invitation for granted—like the improperly dressed guest.

As with all parables, we can't be too literal: The king in the story isn't doubling for God in all aspects. We know from the rest of Matthew's Gospel that Jesus taught us how God gives sinners another chance. But there's a definite warning here for Christians of any age. We must take the Kingdom—and our participation in it—very seriously.

From Father Greg Friedman, OFM  
Sunday Soundbites

### World Mission Sunday October 18, 2020

***"Here I am, send me!"***

Next week is World Mission Sunday. This celebration of the missions will take place in every parish in the world. It is also a global celebration of the Universal Church. Your prayers and donations will assist churches, hospitals, schools, and vocations where the church is still at a formative stage. With the assistance that Catholic communities throughout the world receive through World Mission Sunday, they will become self-sufficient and continue to flourish. By sharing the gift of faith, we can bring hope and love to those who need it most.

### MASS TIMES and COVID-19 Protocols

**SATURDAY EVENING AT 6:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY MASSES AT 9:00AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM.**

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](#).

- 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. Masks are optional.
- 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 registered by phone or online to secure your spot please **arrive at least 10 minutes prior to Mass starting.**
- You must register every week for the Sunday Mass that you would like to attend, either online at [www.icparish.ca](http://www.icparish.ca) on our website at the [Eventbrite link](#) OR by calling the parish office at 250-964-4898.

### ONLINE REGISTRATION IS PREFERRED

PLEASE REGISTER BY 4:00PM FRIDAY.

- Your registration does **not guarantee a place in the church itself, but a place in our facility.**
- If your household includes small 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 has been sanitized for their use.

**IF YOU HAVE REGISTERED EITHER BY PHONE OR ONLINE AND WILL NOT BE ATTENDING – PLEASE CALL TO CANCEL – TO FREE UP YOUR SPOT FOR ANOTHER.**

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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

These are ways parishioners can provide their offering:

1. **Envelopes:** Leaving your offering 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 3:00PM. Call the parish office if you would like 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](mailto: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.**

### PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Sunday Collection	OCT 3-4, 2020
Envelopes	4802.25
Loose Change	156.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$4958.25</b>
Children's Collection	\$ 1.55
Building/Grounds Collection(for roof)	\$ 1015.00

### The National Evangelization Team (NET)

A team of seven young Catholics from across Canada and Australia will be arriving in the Diocese later this month, they will be spending the year ministering to the schools and their parishes for four weeks in each of these communities: Prince George, Dawson Creek, Smithers, Terrace, Kitimat, and Prince Rupert! While in the Diocese for the year, The NET Team is in need of meals and food. We are asking parishioners to consider: making home-cooked meals that can be frozen, stored and easily reheated; or picking up extra groceries; or picking up a gift-card to a restaurant or grocery store. **More information will be sent out to each parish and school soon!** We thank you in advance for contributing to this missionary initiative in our Diocese!

### Beatification of Father McGivney

Here is the link for the latest documentary on the life of Father McGivney now available to stream on demand at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jRbjAWHvyy8>  
This documentary explores the life, legacy and impact of Father Michael McGivney, an apostle of spiritual brotherhood and unity, who founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of October a Mass will be celebrated in honour of the beatification of Father McGivney on a live broadcast on [Salt & Light](#), [EWTN TV](#) and CatholicTV. For those not subscribed to any of these stations; visit [www.kofc.org/beatification](http://www.kofc.org/beatification).

### Upcoming Parish and School Events:

Collection of grocery bags for hampers for St. Vincent de Paul. Last pick-up will be Oct 19, 2020

### Annual Appeal-Called Together Update

Reminder that: the goal this year is to support the small parishes, missions and ministries of the Diocese – especially those most affected by the reduction in funds from Catholic Missions in Canada. Also, reminder that anonymous donations cannot be provided with a tax receipt. If someone has mistakenly indicated that they want the donation to be anonymous, but did not realize that they would not receive a tax receipt, please contact the Finance Office at [appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca) or call 250-964-4424 Ext: 2202, or call the parish office.



<b>Diocesan Goal</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Pledged to date</b>	<b>\$ 165,730</b>
<b>Received to date</b>	<b>\$ 123, 611</b>
<b>Our Goal</b>	<b>\$ 19,804</b>
<b>Pledged to date</b>	<b>\$ 14,670</b>
<b>Received to date</b>	<b>\$ 11, 320</b>

### 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](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com)

#### Cache Creek Retreat:

October 21-23

Call/text: 250-267-5081

[rvcamloops@yahoo.ca](mailto:rvcamloops@yahoo.ca)

**"Pray as though everything depended on God.  
Work as though everything depended on you."**

-St. Augustine