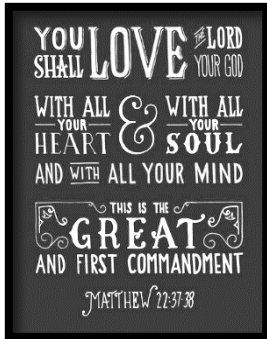


Saturday, October 24 & Sunday, October 25, 2020

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Last week, the church celebrated its annual World Mission Sunday. We wish to thank everyone who prayed for and were able to support the work of the missions last week. Your prayers and donations will make a huge contribution to the growth of the church and to the well-being of the poor in the world. Please continue to pray for all those who serve in mission countries to bring Christ's message of love to the world's most vulnerable. Also, your generosity and support of the missions throughout the year would also be very much appreciated. With deep gratitude, thank you again for your prayerful and financial support of World Mission Sunday.



In my inner-city parish people come daily for help for rent, food, and medical needs. I'm not a social worker, and so I'm grateful for the knowledgeable people on our team who can find the help people need. But when I read today's First Reading, a portion of the Mosaic Law taken from the Book of Exodus, I do get some basic instructions for some practical things I can do to help.

God tells me there that my conduct toward people who are vulnerable because of any human need must be tempered by recalling my own human condition. The people of Israel, the law says, should remember they were once strangers in Egypt; and so the stranger on their doorsteps ought to receive respect and care. God has been good to me in my times of real need; and now God may be asking me to do the same for someone.

Later in the passage there's a very practical instruction about returning a man's cloak to him for the night, even though you've demanded it as a loan guarantee. That instruction tells me that any relationship I have with the poor must honor people's God-given dignity. Thanks to that instruction I look into a person's eyes on the soup kitchen line, and try to communicate our shared relationship in the Lord. God's law is full of the compassion of God—and that's the first thing I can share with my fellow human being.

From Father Greg Friedman, OFM
Sunday Soundbites

Beatification of Father McGivney

For the latest documentary on the life of Father McGivney go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jRbjAWHvyy8>. It 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 31st 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.

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 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**. Your registration does **not** guarantee a place in the church itself, but a place in our facility.
- You must register every week for the Sunday Mass that you would like to attend, either online at www.icparish.ca on our website at the [Eventbrite link](#) OR by calling the parish office at 250-964-4898.

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS PREFERRED

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. No registration is needed.

HOPE FOR WOMEN PREGNANCY SERVICES

Things have been very busy with preparations for the Virtual banquet and the Prince George Grand Opening! The three centres (Abbotsford, Langley and Prince George), continue to be busy changing people's lives every day! In Prince George, you can find us at #112-1600 15th Avenue or call 250-562-4464. The baby boutique in PG is well stocked but needing some clients to support. If you know of a single mom or family who is struggling and has a baby under two, please send them our way. We would love to help! Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

In the second week of January 2021 we will be providing a **Family Faith Formation** program for all children from grades K-7 attending public school. We are collaborating with St. Mary's Parish. The program will include Sacramental preparation as well as a parent faith formation component. Please pick up a registration form in the church foyer or go online to <https://www.icparish.ca/religious-ed> Please submit your form to our parish office or email to icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca on or before **NOVEMBER 18, 2020**.

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.



PARISH FINANCIAL WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday Collection	OCT 17-18, 2020
Envelopes	4765.00
Loose Change	228.90
Total Sunday Collection	\$4993.90
World Mission Sunday	\$ 681.00
Children's Collection	\$ 13.90
Building/Grounds Collection(for roof)	\$ 120.00

ANNUAL APPEAL-CALLED TOGETHER UPDATE

Congratulations IC, we have met and surpassed our goal. The Appeal office is grateful to have received more than \$15,000 in new pledges. Most came from parishes that had already reached their parish goal and will be returned to parishes for their project. A little over \$3,000 went to meet the Diocesan goal. We still have a little more than 17% to go before we reach our \$200,000 target. Every dollar does matter, and we are striving to provide as much support as we can to those who need. For more information contact appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca or call 250-964-4424 Ext: 2202.

Diocesan Goal	\$200,000
Pledged to date	\$ 164,177
Received to date	\$ 155,245
Our Parish	
Pledged to date	\$ 26,395
Received to date	\$ 24,965

The National Evangelization Team (NET)

A team of seven young Catholics from across Canada and Australia are in the Diocese and will be spending the year ministering to the eight schools and their parishes for four weeks in each of our school communities. **The team will be at Immaculate Conception School and Parish from November 22 – December 5, 2020 and then again in April 18-24, 2021.** They are staying at the Domano Renewal Centre instead of host homes due to the pandemic. In light of this, they are in need of food donations. If you are interested in being a part of this initiative within our Diocese by helping to provide meals for the NET Team while they are in our parish and school please call the parish office to let Martha know.

You can choose to:

1. prepare a meal ahead of time, a meal that can be frozen, stored, and then reheated by the NET team at the time they need it. Meals that work well prepared ahead of time, frozen, and then reheated include: lasagnas, soups, chilis, pasta sauces, meat for tacos, bread etc.
2. pick up a few extra groceries on your next grocery trip. There is a suggested list – please call parish office or check out the list on our website.
3. purchase a monetary gift-card for a grocery store or a food place for any amount - even if it's just \$10.

Once you have your donation, what's next?

Please drop off your food donation at the Pastoral Centre (6500 Southridge Ave) anytime during office hours: 9:00am-4:30pm, Monday to Friday. Please contact Lisa at the Pastoral Centre (250-964-4424 EXT. 2109 or lfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca) who will make arrangements for pick up. **Thank you for your consideration** in helping with **this great mission**.