

# SATURDAY, November 7, & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020

## 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



In my parish there are several older women parishioners who embody for me the beautiful description of “wisdom” found in today’s First Reading from the Hebrew Book of Wisdom. There, the notion of wisdom is described in feminine terms. “Lady Wisdom”

anticipates what we may be seeking; she waits for us at the start of each day; meets us as we continue through our day. Those wise women elders in my parish fit that description. I look to them for guidance. When they come into the parish church each Sunday morning, I feel a bit more confident because our community has the gift of their presence and their experience.

The Gospel today offers us a reminder that—in Matthew’s parish at least—there were both wise and foolish women and men. The evangelist was warning his community that all of its members needed to be prepared for the Lord’s eventual return—an event whose date and time are unknown to us. So Matthew tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, and their readiness—or lack of it—for the bridegroom’s return. Locked doors and some hard words from the bridegroom make the parable a real challenge.

But I suspect that my wise women parishioners would remind me that being prepared for the Lord is the basic Christian challenge. His final coming—as well as his daily presence in my life—is something I need to be ready to welcome.

From Father Greg Friedman, OFM  
Sunday Soundbites

### **2021 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES**

The **2021 church envelopes** will be available for pick up the last week of November. If you no longer want to use envelopes and **would prefer to use interact or Pre-authorized payments** for your offering, please contact the parish office ASAP by phone at 250-964-4898 or email [icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca).

### **2020-2021 SUNDAY MISSALS AND CALENDARS**

The 2020-2021 Missals and calendars are on sale –\$5.00 for the set.

### **MONTHLY ADORATION**

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of November** at the Domano Chapel.

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

### **SIGN UP FOR 2020 CHRISTMAS MASSES**

This year because of COVID-19, we will have an opportunity for parishioners to sign up for the Mass of their choice for the Christmas and for New Year’s celebrations.

The Mass times will be as follows:

#### **Nativity of the Lord: Christmas Eve and Day**

- December 24 @ 6PM
- December 24 @ 8PM
- December 24 @ 10PM
- December 25, 2020 @ 10 AM ONLY

#### **Feast of Mary, the Mother of God: New Year’s Eve and Day**

- December 31, 2020 @ 6PM
- January 1, 2021 @ 10AM ONLY

**The sign-up sheet will be available  
the first week of December.**

Please consider which Mass you and your family would like to attend. Both the church and hall will be available for attendance at all evening Masses. There will be a cap of 50 people for each space. It will be important for you to decide soon as we will need to know the number of tickets that will be made available on Eventbrite.

### **FESTIVAL OF TREES**

Blankets have been made to help provide financial assistance to six agencies that our parish supports through **The Giving Tree**. The agencies supported by this project are: **Baby’s New Beginnings, Canadian Mental Health, Elizabeth Fry Society, John Howard Society, Phoenix Transition Home, and Youth Around Prince George**. We invite your sponsorship for the two sizes of blankets, **small (\$20.00)** and **large (\$30.00)**. In addition to your sponsorship for the blankets, we appreciate monetary donations for the purchase of items for the agencies who have specific requests. If you would like to provide **sponsorship for a blanket, or make a monetary donation** please contact Sr. Michaela.

**Thank you for your support.**

### **IC SCHOOL & PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (PSG) FUNDRAISER**

The PSG in partnership with IC school is hosting a Purdy’s Chocolate and North Roast Coffee fundraiser. A perfect Christmas gift for family and friends. PGS were not able to have their main fundraising activities this year due to Covid-19. They support financial endeavours of the school and welcome your support. For More info **contact Stephanie Carpenter** at [sprimus83@outlook.com](mailto:sprimus83@outlook.com) or go to <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1226655-79808> to order. **Thank you for your support.**

## ADVENT NOON HOUR REFLECTIONS



Using famous religious paintings, each on the Sunday Gospels of Advent, the Sisters of St. Joseph will host an Advent 2020 series of prayer and reflection in preparation

for our beautiful religious celebration of the Birth of Christ.

- St. Mary's Church – Freeman Street Entrance
- Mondays, November 23, 30, December 7 and 14.
- At 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Sign in registration at the door – 50-person limit

## 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](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca) on or before **NOVEMBER 18, 2020**.

## ANNUAL APPEAL-CALLED TOGETHER UPDATE

***Congratulations IC, we have met and surpassed our goal.***

Thank you for your continued support for the Annual Appeal. Our effort of practicing Christian stewardship is to share our rebate with parishes most in need. We are extremely grateful for your kind generosity during this time of pandemic as many smaller parishes will benefit from your contribution.

Diocesan Goal	\$200,000
Pledged to date	\$ 174,776
Received to date	\$166,248
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IC Parish Goal	\$ 19, 804
Received to date	\$ 29,680

**Be patient in trials, watchful in prayer,  
and never cease working.**

Saint Francis of Assisi

## PARISH FINANCIAL WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday Collection weekend of:	Oct 31-Nov 1, 2020
Envelopes	1813.00
Loose Change	215.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$2028.00</b>
Children's Collection	14.25
Building/Grounds Collection(for roof)	345.00

## MASS TIMES AND COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

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

We continue to observe and follow the protocols set out by [BC Centre for Disease Control](#) and [WorkSafe BC](#).

- We have two spaces within our facility (church and hall) with a cap of 50 people per space.
- Each space has its own entrance and exit.
- Upon arrival individuals must check in with the ushers.
- Sanitization and distancing are a must. Masks are an expectation, as per the Provincial Health Officer.
- 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, please go to [www.icparish.ca](http://www.icparish.ca) for further details.

## ONLINE REGISTRATION PREFERRED

IF YOU REGISTER 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 required.

## THE NATIONAL EVANGELIZATION TEAM (NET)

A team of seven young Catholics are ministering in the Diocese. **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/meal donations. If you are interested in being a part of this initiative within our Diocese by helping to provide meals, food or gift certificates for the NET Team while they are in our parish and school please call the parish office or Lisa at the Pastoral Centre at [vfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:vfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca). Thank you for your consideration in helping with this great mission.