

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

FEBRUARY 6, 2022—5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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Peter, James and John left everything, and followed Jesus.

Luke 5.1-11



The satiric duo in the TV comedy routine called “Wayne’s World” had a signature line: “We’re not worthy!” That was their response

to the presence of rock stars they were interviewing. The routine still brings laughs. Hello, I’m Franciscan Fr. Greg Friedman with the *Sunday Soundbite* for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

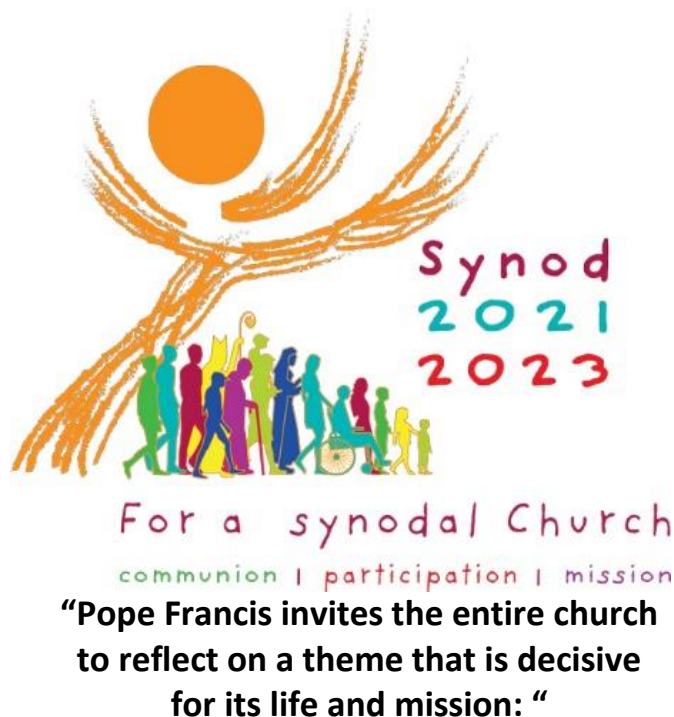
A more serious confession of unworthiness appears in our Scriptures today. First, Isaiah has a vision of God seated on the heavenly throne. The scene is so overwhelming that Isaiah not only proclaims his unworthiness, but is afraid he’ll be struck dead! God has a job for him: Isaiah will speak on God’s behalf to the people.

In the *Gospel*, Peter professes his sinfulness after Jesus helps him and his colleagues bring in a miraculous catch of fish. Peter knows he’s in the presence of divine power. He knows he’s not worthy! But Jesus also has a job in mind: fishing for people. The implications might not have been clear to these apostles-to-be, but their response is immediate and bold. They leave everything to follow Jesus.

We probably wouldn’t put ourselves in the shoes or sandals of either Isaiah or Peter. But that doesn’t mean we’re not called by God! The fact of our baptism means that we have a vocation--a call--that’s just as certain as our Biblical heroes today. If so, what do we need to leave behind as we respond to that call?

From Father Greg Friedman, OFM
[Listen here to the Sunday Soundbites](#)

7:00 PM
Sunday Evening Mass
Resumes today
February 6, 2022.



“The purpose of this synod is not to produce more documents. Rather, it is intended to inspire people to dream about the church we are called to be, to make people’s hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission,”

The questions posed by the synod process are attached to this bulletin and can be found on our webpage [Questions for Phase 1](#) and **all** are invited to respond to these questions and forward directly to Bishop Jensen at sjensen@pgdiocese.bc.ca

The City parishes are also providing an opportunity to respond to the questions with a representation of 10 people per parish on **Saturday, February 12 and 19, at 1:00PM at Immaculate Conception Church Hall.**

We are limited to numbers due to restrictions. If you are interested in being part of this listening process, you must register at [Eventbrite](#) or email icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca or call parish office at 250-964-4898.

Mask/Face covering is required.



Updated Covid Restrictions

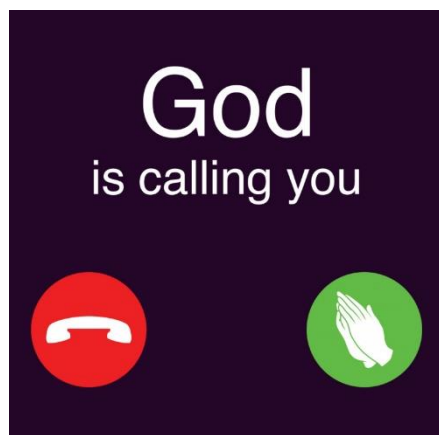
Thursday January 20, 2022 Northern Health removed the regional health restrictions. Provincial Health restrictions will be followed.

A Mask /Face Covering is REQUIRED for Worship services

- We will follow the 50% capacity; that is 150 people in the church and 150 in the hall.
- For those who do not want/are unable to wear masks distribution of communion will be available in the church foyer after Mass for those wishing to watch virtually. Please come at quarter to the hour. ie. 9:45AM, 11:45 AM.
- We will continue to livestream for the time being at 11:00AM Sunday morning and Monday to Friday at 9:00AM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **Tuesday, February 8, 2022** at the Domano Chapel, 6500 Southridge Ave. Mass will be celebrated at **7:30 AM** and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM



"Here am I;
Send me!"

Ash Wednesday is March 2, 2022



Ashes are created by burning palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration. **If you have palms please bring them to the Church in the next**

few weeks so that they can be burned for ashes.

Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program



The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program is underway. The 2022 program is receiving applications. We are privileged to offer fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of BC. The bursaries are available on a one-time basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in post secondary education at a recognized institute within the BC. Applications will be accepted from January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022. Bursaries will be awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference can be found at kofcbc.org.

Requests for applications should be addressed to:

Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon
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Attn: Herb Yang, Bursaries Chairman

Or email: herbykofc@gmail.com

For more Diocesan news and to view the Wednesday Weekly click below

- [February 2, 2022 Wednesday Weekly link.](#)



The Canadian Catholic Bishops, Assembly of First Nations, Métis

National Council, and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami are pleased to announce that the delegation to Rome to meet with Pope Francis, is scheduled to take place at the end of March and early April of this year.



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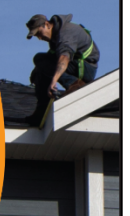
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Questions for Phase 1: Diocesan Consultation (derived from the Preparatory Document and the *Vademecum*)

1. COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

In the Church and in society we are side by side on the same road.

- 1a In our local Church, who are the ones “journeying together”?
- 1b Who are our companions on the journey, including those outside the boundaries of the Church?
- 1c How are we called to grow as companions?

2. LISTENING

Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice.

- 2a How is God speaking to us through voices we sometimes ignore?
- 2b How are the laity listened to, especially women and young people?
- 2c What facilitates or inhibits our listening?
- 2d How do we integrate the contribution of Consecrated Men and Women?
- 2e What space is there for the voice of minorities, especially people who experience poverty, marginalization, or social exclusion?
- 2f What are some limitations in our ability to listen, especially to those who have different views than our own?
- 2g How do we listen to the social and cultural context in which we live?
- 2h How well do we listen to those on the peripheries?

3. SPEAKING OUT

All are invited to speak with courage and parrhesia, that is, in freedom, truth, and charity.

- 3a What enables or hinders speaking up courageously, candidly, and responsibly in our local Church and in society?
- 3b When and how do we manage to say what is important to us?
- 3c How does the relationship with the local media work (not only Catholic media)?
- 3d Who speaks on behalf of the Christian community, and how are they chosen?

4. CELEBRATION

“Walking together” is only possible if it is based on communal listening to the Word and the celebration of the Eucharist.

- 4a How do prayer and liturgical celebration inspire and direct our “journeying together”?
- 4b How do they inspire the most important decisions?
- 4c How do we promote the active participation of all the faithful in the liturgy?
- 4d What space is given to the exercise of the ministries of Lector and Acolyte?

5. CO-RESPONSIBLE IN THE MISSION

Synodality is at the service of the Church's mission, in which all her members are called to participate.

- 5a Since we are all missionary disciples, how is every baptised person called to participate in the mission of the Church?
- 5b What hinders the baptised from being active in mission?
- 5c What areas of mission are we neglecting?
- 5d How does the community support its members who serve society in various ways (social and political involvement, scientific research, education, promoting social justice, protecting human rights, caring for the environment, etc.)?
- 5e How does the Church help these members to live out their service to society in a missionary way?
- 5f How is discernment about missionary choices made and by whom?
- 5g How are the different traditions that constitute the patrimony of many Churches, especially the Oriental ones, integrated and adapted, with respect to the synodal style, in view of an effective Christian witness?
- 5h How does collaboration work in territories where different *sui iuris* Churches are present?

6. DIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Dialogue is a path of perseverance that also includes silences and sufferings, but which is capable of gathering the experience of persons and peoples.

- 6a What are the places and means of dialogue within our particular Church?
- 6b How are divergences of vision, or conflicts and difficulties addressed?
- 6c How do we promote collaboration with neighbouring dioceses, religious communities in the area, lay associations and movements, etc.?
- 6d What particular issues in the Church and society do we need to pay more attention to?
- 6e What experiences of dialogue and collaboration do we have with believers of other religions and with those who have no religious affiliation?
- 6f How does the Church dialogue with and learn from other sectors of society: the spheres of politics, economics, culture, civil society, and people who live in poverty?

7. ECUMENISM

The dialogue between Christians of different confessions, united by one Baptism, has a special place in the synodal journey.

- 7a What relationships does our Church community have with members of other Christian traditions and denominations?
- 7b What do we share and how do we journey together?
- 7c What fruits have we drawn from this “journeying together”?
- 7d What are the difficulties?
- 7e How can we take the next step in walking forward with each other?

8. AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATION

A synodal Church is a participatory and co-responsible Church.

- 8a How does our Church community identify the goals to be pursued, the way to reach them, and the steps to be taken?
- 8b How is authority or governance exercised within our particular Church (Diocese/Eparchy)?
- 8c How are teamwork and co-responsibility put into practice?
- 8d How are evaluations conducted and by whom?
- 8e How are lay ministries and the responsibility of lay people promoted?
- 8f Have we had fruitful experiences of synodality on a local level?
- 8g How do synodal bodies function at the level of the particular Church (Pastoral Councils in parishes and dioceses, Presbyteral Council, etc.)?

9. DISCERNING AND DECIDING

In a synodal style, decisions are made through discernment, based on a consensus that flows from the common obedience to the Spirit.

- 9a By what procedures and methods do we discern together and make decisions?
- 9b How can they be improved?
- 9c How do we promote participation in decision-making within hierarchically structured communities?
- 9d Do our decision-making methods help us to listen to the whole People of God?
- 9e What is the relationship between consultation and decision-making, and how do we put these into practice?
- 9f What tools and procedures do we use to promote transparency and accountability?
- 9g How can we grow in communal spiritual discernment?

10. FORMING OURSELVES IN SYNODALITY

The spirituality of journeying together is meant to become an educational principle for the formation of the human person and for Christians, families, and communities.

- 10a How does our church community form people to be more capable of “walking together,” listening to one another, participating in mission, and engaging in dialogue?
- 10b What formation is offered to foster discernment and the exercise of authority in a synodal way?
- 10c What tools help us to read the dynamics of the culture in which we are immersed and their impact on our style of Church?

Additional Questions:

- 11. Please describe in one or two paragraphs the *experience* of the local gathering(s) held, as well as of the entire local synodal consultation.

12. Based on the experience of your consultation(s), could you sum up in one or two sentences how the Spirit is calling us to grow in “journeying together” in your particular Church?
13. Are there any other important issues that emerged from your local consultation not captured in any of the above questions?