

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Diocese of Prince George

MARCH 13, 2022—2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Striving to follow Christ,
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witnessing through loving actions
in service, education, and celebration.

OFFICE HOURS:	Monday to Friday	9:30AM – 3:00PM
MASS TIMES:	Daily	Monday – Friday 9:00AM
	Sunday	9:00AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM
SACRAMENTS:	Baptism	Contact Parish Office
	Reconciliation	Before Mass, or by appointment
	Marriage	Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance

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ENVIRONMENT: Linda Boudreau

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Dennis Fedyk

SOCIAL ACTION: Sr. Michaela

GRAND KNIGHT:

Soup Kitchen

K of C Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

**While Jesus prayed,
the appearance of his face changed.**

Luke 9.28b-36



Having a purpose in life--it makes all the difference. Some of us know our

life's mission early on: We're committed to a career, family, using our talents in a particular kind of service. Others may take many years to find their path in life. Lent is a time when we re-affirm our Christian mission no matter what our individual vocations may be.

We hear stories this Sunday about *mission*. Abram is given his role as father of his people. On the mountain of the transfiguration Jesus appears with two great figures from Hebrew religious history, and Luke tells us Jesus spoke with them of his "passage"--his "exodus"--which was to come in Jerusalem. Luke undoubtedly wanted his Christian audience to reflect on their mission as well--to undergo the same "passage" from death to new life.

In our Christian communities this season we're preparing with those who will be baptized at Easter. Let's reaffirm our own Christian commitment as we pray and fast with them. We take heart from God's presence with us in the covenant relationship of that baptismal commitment.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- **Stations of the Cross (no Mass to follow)**
Fridays during Lent 7:00 PM
- **Reflections During Lent**
Thursday mornings after morning Mass
- **Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**
March 25, 2022 9:00 AM
Feast of the Annunciation

Communal Reconciliation



Service

6:30 PM
April 7, 2022
Also before any
Mass or by
appointment.

Updated Covid Restrictions as of March 11, 2022 under the Public Health Order

Because of B.C.'s lowered hospitalization and transmission rates:

- Masks are no longer **mandatory** in public indoor settings.
- For those who would still like to wear masks please do so, especially the **elderly, or immune comprised**.



links

- ["What is Lent?"](#)
- [Lent in 3 minutes](#)
- [How to live this Lent for others](#)
- [Lent/Catholic Central – great for young people and teens.](#)

Lent gives us an opportunity to enter into a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

[Link for Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for March 9, 2022](#)

Mark your calendar



Chrism Mass
April 5, 2022
7:00PM at
Sacred Heart
Cathedral



The Feast of the Annunciation of the LORD

Healing Mass
Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
March 25, 2022 at 9:00 AM

Appreciation from the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada

The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg has released a statement of appreciation for the Executive of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops for their supportive prayers for the people of Ukraine. They also wish to acknowledge the many expressions of solidarity that the faithful have engaged in across the country.

You can make your donation to Immaculate Conception parish. Please make cheque payable to RCEC Immaculate Conception. The parish will forward the donations collected. There will be a separate basket for the donations beside the regular donation basket.

Or go to

- <https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/Ukraine/>
- Call 1-866-322-4441
- Or Send cheques to CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association) Canada, 223 Main Street, Box 80, Ottawa ON K1S 1C4

See the attached/link to the document to read their statement in full. For [details on how to make donations to Ukraine through CNEWA.](#)

The Archeparchy invites us to join them in an ancient prayer of supplication to Mary, Mother of God, for an end to the war and suffering in Ukraine:

*We flee to the shelter
of your mercy,
O Virgin Mother of God.
Do not reject our prayers
of anguish,
but free us from tribulation,
O only pure and blessed one.*

Peace and Development (D&P)–Share Lent

1. The collection gathered on the 5th Sunday of Lent, **Solidarity Sunday** (April 3, 2022) is an opportunity to practice almsgiving while supporting the mission of D&P to help poor around the world. Or you can donate directly online at devp.org/give
 2. Message from [Bishop Raymond's full message.](#)
 3. **Sign the petition** for strong laws to control Canadian corporations' behaviour abroad at devp.org/act.
- See attached or [click here for 2022 Solidarity Calendar](#).
Print and follow the journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

Why do Christians observe 40 days?

Lent (Latin: **Quadragesima**, 'Fortieth') is a observance in the liturgical calendar in which we commemorate the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert in which he endured temptation by Satan before beginning his public ministry.

There are actually 46 days in between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday, but Sundays during Lent on not considered to be part of the prescribed days.

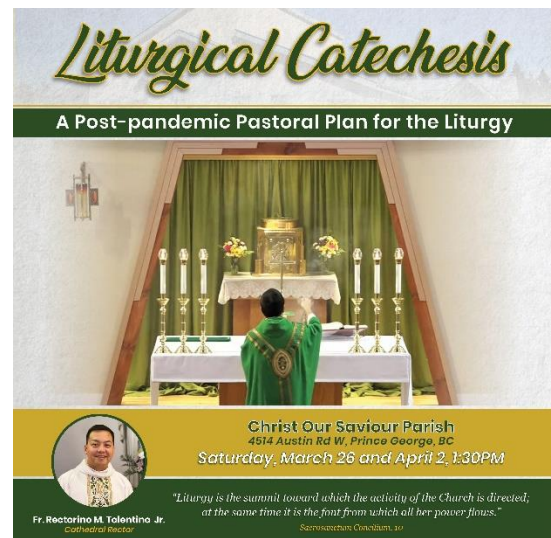
What can I do for Lent – pick one or two or a few.

1. Only buy what you NEED.
2. Donate or give away 40 things for 40 days.
3. Declutter your heart and your house.
4. Speak kindly of people.
5. Take care of your body – exercise and eat healthy.
6. Make what you eat for supper/dinner be the last food you consume for the day.
7. Give up a favourite beverage or a favourite snack.
8. Say three nice things to those who you work/live with.
9. Replace 30 minutes of TV/screen time with prayer
10. Cook all your meals—avoid eating out.

Lent, A Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love

"Let us not grow tired of doing good,
for in due time we shall reap our harvest,
if we do not give up.
So then, while we have the opportunity,
let us do good to all"

(Gal 6:9-10)





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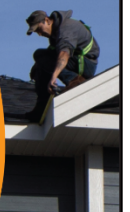
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