

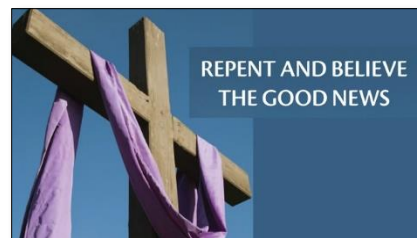
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February 18, 2024-1st Sunday of Lent



OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic community nourished through
the Word and the Sacraments.

Striving to follow Christ,
we reach out and welcome all,
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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PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: Daniel Burri

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HOSPITALITY/COFFEE: Daniel Burri

CHURCH

SUNDAY:

ENVIRONMENT: Phyllis Sarrazin

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Fern Cote

SOCIAL ACTION &

GRAND KNIGHT:

SOUP KITCHEN: Sr. Michaela

K of C Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

. . . the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and
believe in the good news.

Mark 1.12-15

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Sun	Feb 18	9AM	RIP of Lourdes and Vicente Pichay
		11AM	For the People of IC
		7PM	RIP of Richard Joseph Dassylva
		FR.J	RIP of Lourdes and Vicente Pichay
Mon	Feb 19	9AM	RIP of Judy Somerville
Tue	Feb 20	9AM	Intentions of Jane Beliveau
Wed	Feb 21	9AM	For a special Intention
Thu	Feb 22	9AM	For Fr. John's intentions on his BD
Fri	Feb 23	9AM	For a special Intention

Mass intentions may be requested for various reasons (eg. a deceased loved one, someone who is ill, a birthday or anniversary, etc.) A Mass offering may be given for the intention but is not required.

Fr. John is also accepting Mass intentions while in Rome. There will be two Mass intentions for each day, in here and one in ROME.

If you have a Mass intention request, please call the parish office by Wednesday of each week so that the intention can be published in the bulletin.

WHAT DO WE DO DURING

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

Lent is a time when we are invited to carry out a three-fold mission, with the key pillars being [fasting](#), almsgiving, and [prayer](#). Certainly, these components are not new within our Catholic teachings nor are they reserved only for Lent, as we are encouraged to practice them regularly throughout the year. However, a special and renewed focus on each of them during Lent can foster growth and appreciation within our collective faith and respective spiritual journeys.

Fasting: As Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days, we, too, are called to forgo something for the same period when observing Lent. It is during this time that we can deepen our awareness of his sacrifice on the Cross, as well as Jesus' daily forgiveness of our sins and unconditional love for us.

Almsgiving: Stressing the importance of recognizing those in need while demonstrating the model of selflessness that Jesus embodied on earth, Lent offers us an opportunity to further concentrate on acts of charity within our communities through the giving of time, money, clothing or food, or any volunteer service.

Prayer: Another avenue for self-growth during Lent that can lead us into a closer relationship with God is prayer.

[Video Link for the 1st week of Lent](#)

[Watch Kai and Libby at Catholic Central](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



• **Stations of the Cross** - Beginning of Friday, February 16, 2024 at 7:00PM. Each Friday Fr Matthew will be giving a brief talk about the Way of the Cross as found in Scripture before praying the Stations.

• **K of C Pancake Breakfast** –Today, February 18, 2024 after the 9AM and 11AM Masses

• **RCIA Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 7PM at Immaculate Conception**

• **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel – Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM**

• **K of C Monthly Meeting (every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM)** – Next meeting will be Thursday, March 14, 2024

• **Men's Spiritual Exercises Retreat**—Date: Mar 1-3, 2024. Please see poster for details on bulletin board. For more information or to register, contact Norman Hebert @778-890-0540 or email norman.hebert@protonmail.com

Sacramental Preparation



We will begin preparation for the Sacraments of First Communion for those children in grade 2 or 7 years of age or older and for Confirmation, in grade 6 or 11 years or older.



The preparation sessions will be on Wednesdays from 3:30PM to 5PM on the following dates in the church meeting room.

First Communion	Confirmation
• Session 1 – Feb 28	• Session 1 – Mar 6
• Session 2 – Mar 13	• Session 2 – Mar 20
• Session 3 – Apr 3	• Session 3 – Apr 10
• Session 4 – Apr 17	• Session 4 – Apr 24
• Session 5 – May 1	• Session 5 – May 8

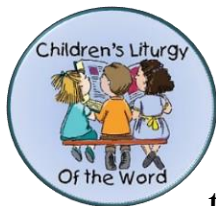
The dates for the Sacraments are:

- First Communion Sat. May 4, 2024 at 2PM at IC
- Confirmation Sun. May 19 @2P at Sacred Heart this will be a city-wide celebration.

Proof of baptism is required.

The Registration Form is available in the foyer or [online](#). Please fill in and submit to the parish office on or before **February 21, 2024 with proof of baptism.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word



We are very excited to announce that we will **begin Children's Liturgy of the Word on March 10, 2024**. It will be held every **Second and Fourth Sunday of each month at the 11:00AM Mass**. Thank you to

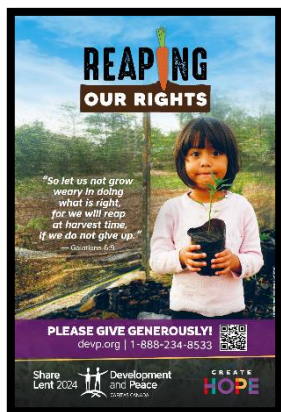
Eunice who has volunteered to facilitate and lead this very valuable program for **children ages three to six**.

To make this an ongoing program, we need more adults volunteers. Each session requires two adults to be present at all times. If you are interested in helping, please contact Eunice at 250-612-8849 or email eunicejacinta@gmail.com

If you are a student grade five or older who would like to help, please contact the parish office.

What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?

It is not "Sunday school" or a "catechism class", it is **breaking open the Word of God of the Sunday Liturgy for the young**.



Share Lent 2024

Share Lent was established in 1967, Development and Peace (D&P) is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

D&P works with partners in the Global South, encouraging women and social movements as key agents of lasting change.

As well as asking for financial

support, D&P helps to educate Canadians about the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality. The 2024 Lenten campaign focusses on people's defence of their rural lands in Nigeria, Bolivia and Indonesia.

Please help yourself to Share Lent resources available on the table in the foyer. This year's Share Lent theme, "Create Hope: Reaping our Rights", calls us to stand with small-scale farmers and peasant communities who feed the world while caring for the earth. [Reaping our rights video](#).

The Lenten campaign will focus on people's defence of their rural land in Honduras, Nigeria and Indonesia. Learn more by reading the [Mini-magazine](#) and see other resources available at devp.org/lent/resources.

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IC FINANCE UPDATES

Please check to see if you have donation envelopes in the foyer. If you do not currently have envelopes and would like to use them, please email or call the parish office.

For the current users PAD there are Special Collection envelopes in the foyer.

If you would like to donate by PAD you will find the application [here](#).

Or if you would like to donate by EFT, we are registered through icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca for a direct deposit. [Click here for instructions on how to e-transfer](#).

Highlights of February 7, 2024 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Please find full minutes posted on the Bulletin Board in the foyer.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays at 7pm during Lent- Fr. Matthew will give a short presentation before the Stations of the Cross each Friday.

HOSPITALITY-Parishioners are needed to look after coffee following 11am Sunday Masses. Hopefully enough "teams" will volunteer so that each team will look after just one Sunday a month.

Please contact Daniel Burri, or Martha at the Parish Office, if you are able to help! Thank you.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Traditionally this Ecumenical Service, which is hosted by one of the local Churches, is held on the First Friday of March. (March 1, 2024) Details of location and time will be included in the bulletin when we have more details.

THANK YOU to all parishioners who regularly and generously donate to Shepherd's Corner and the SVP Food Bank.

Also, to those who supply baking and/or goodies for the Soup Kitchen. Your kindness is gratefully appreciated by those in need in our community.

Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for February 14, 2024

"AS LENT IS THE TIME FOR GREATER LOVE,
LISTEN TO JESUS' THIRST...
'REPENT AND BELIEVE' JESUS TELLS US.
WHAT ARE WE TO REPENT?
OUR INDIFFERENCE, OUR HARDNESS OF HEART.
WHAT ARE WE TO BELIEVE?
JESUS THIRSTS EVEN NOW,
IN YOUR HEART AND IN THE POOR --
HE KNOWS YOUR WEAKNESS.
HE WANTS ONLY YOUR LOVE,
WANTS ONLY THE CHANCE TO LOVE YOU."

~ BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA





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