

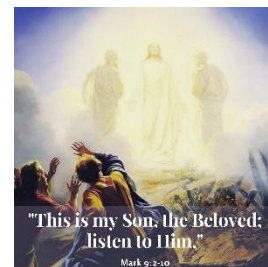
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February 25, 2024-2nd Sunday of Lent



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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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

"This is my Son, the Beloved: listen to him!"

Mark 9.2-10

MASS INTENTIONS

OF THE WEEK

Mass intentions may be requested for various reasons (eg. a

Sun	Feb 25	9AM	RIP of George Corbiere
		11AM	RIP of Peter Tourand
		7PM	For the People of IC
Mon	Feb 26	9AM	Intentions of Henrietta Vered
Tue	Feb 27	9AM	RIP of Patricia O'Neill on the 10th Anniversary of her passing
Wed	Feb 28	9AM	RIP of Judy Somerville
Thu	Feb 29	9AM	RIP of Arlette Santos
Fri	Mar 1	9AM	Intentions of Vienna Kelly on her BD

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.

Reflection for the 2nd Sunday of Lent

Reflecting on the themes of the 2nd Sunday in Lent, consider the following questions to deepen your understanding and application of these passages in your life:

- **Faith in Testing Times:** Reflect on a moment in your life when your faith was tested. How did you respond? Can you see any parallels between your experience and Abraham's willingness to trust God, even when asked to make a significant sacrifice?
- **Listening to God's Voice:** "Here I am" signifies a readiness to listen and respond to God. How can you cultivate openness and readiness to God's call in your life? Are there changes you can make to better hear and respond to God's voice?
- **Understanding Sacrifice:** The concept of sacrifice in these readings is profound, from Abraham's near-sacrifice of Isaac to the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus. In what ways are you called to make sacrifices, and how do these sacrifices contribute to your growth in faith?
- **The Transfiguration and Transformation:** The Transfiguration of Jesus is a moment of divine revelation and affirmation. How does this event challenge you to transform your understanding of suffering, glory, and the purpose of your life in Christ? How can you more fully embrace the journey from suffering to glory in your own life?

Bishop Barron – 2nd Sunday of Lent –Year B

- [A Friend of the Lord Jesus](#)
- [The Transfiguration of Christ](#)



- **Stations of the Cross 7PM – Every Friday, during Lent. Each Friday Fr Matthew will be giving a brief talk about the Way of the Cross as found in Scripture before praying the Stations.**
- **RCIA Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 7PM at Immaculate Conception**
- **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**
- **Chrism Mass – March 20, 2024 at Sacred Heart Cathedral 7:00PM**
- **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**
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast –March 17, 2024 after the 9AM and 11AM Masses**
- **Invitation to Youth Camp – April 5-7, 2024 for more information go to [Youth Camp forms link](#) at our website <https://www.icparish.ca/bulletin>**

Sacramental Preparation for 1st Communion and Confirmation



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 Celebration of 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.

The Registration Form is available in the foyer or [online](#). Deadline was February 21, but if you did not fill in the form – please submit by Monday, February 26th. **The sessions begin on February 28 for First Communion and March 6 for Confirmation.**

IC FINANCE UPDATES

If you do not currently have envelopes and would like to use them, please email or call the parish office.

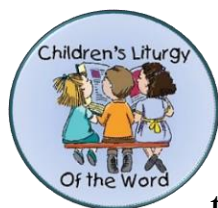
For the current users PAD there are Special Collection envelopes in the foyer.

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.](#)

IC= Immaculate Conception Incredible Community

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**.

Diocesan Wednesday Weekly for February 21, 2024

LENTEN RECONCILIATION TIMES IN CITY PARISHES

- March 12 (Tuesday): following the 5:30 evening Mass **Christ Our Saviour Parish**
- March 13 (Wednesday): 7:00 – 8:00PM **St. Mary's Parish**
- March 21 (Thursday): 7:00 – 8:00PM **Immaculate Conception Parish**
- **March 25, 26, 27 6:00 to 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart-** beginning with a spiritual reflection.

Share Lent 2024



Unfortunately, the Share Lent materials that were ordered for our parish have not arrived. However, copies of calendars, etc. have been printed and are available to take home from the table in the foyer.

Below is a prayer that can be used in your personal and family prayer-time.

Loving God!

We believe that we are one great human family.
You call us to walk together and to recognize the dignity of every person.

We believe that we share a Common Home.
You call us to care for all of Creation.

We believe in the sanctity of life.
You call us to treat all people with kindness and compassion in the way of Christ.

We believe you reign in justice, peace and joy.
You call us to put your Word into practice to build a more just, humane, and joyful world.

Lord Jesus!

Guide us to be in solidarity with the joys, hopes, sorrows and anxieties of all people, especially those impoverished by unjust socio-economic and political systems.
Help us to follow your footsteps, to be bearers of the Good News.

Holy Spirit!

Inspire us to find new and creative ways of responding to your calls.
Strengthen our commitment to Create Hope in our world.

Amen.

**“Lent is a time of
renewal for the whole
Church, for each
community and every
believer. Above all it is
a time of grace.”**

- Pope Francis



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