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April 6, 2025 – 5th Sunday of Lent
Solidarity Sunday



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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K of C Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

“Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”

John 8.11

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DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sun	Apr 6	9AM	For the Parishioners of IC
		11AM	RIP of Allan Stiglich
		7PM	RIP of the soul of Joseph, on the 3rd anniversary of death
Mon	Apr 7	9AM	For the intentions and healing of Kris Pastro
Tues	Apr 8	9AM	For the Intentions of Paul Bennett
Wed	Apr 9	9AM	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thu	Apr 10	9AM	Intentions of Ann and Sinead O'Neill
Fri	Apr 11	9AM	RIP of Ariadne Hiller

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

Reflection for the 5th Sunday of Lent



"It all depends on how you look at it."

What I mean by that saying is that the knowledge and perspective we bring to any experience determines how


we feel about that experience. For example, those old enough to remember the postwar era might recall scenes of big, modern factories belching smoke--hailed as a sign of prosperity. Now, we may look at such scenes with a sensitivity to environmental issues; our perspective is different. It all depends on how you look at it.

This Sunday's Scriptures invite a similar change of perspective: Isaiah urges the people to forget about the Exodus-event--the passage through the Red Sea. Instead, the people are to take notice that God is doing *something new*. Paul tells the Philippians how knowing Christ has caused him to consider everything else as "rubbish." And Jesus himself turns accusation into forgiveness with a simple phrase inviting the scribes and Pharisees to look at a sinner from the perspective of their own sinfulness.

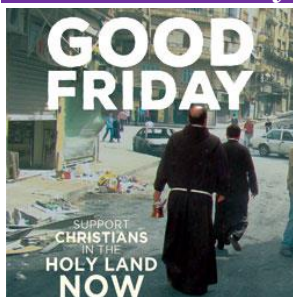
Lent is a time to alter our way of looking at ourselves and our world. What surprises await us this week as we re-orient ourselves based on our coming to know Jesus Christ?

From Father Greg Friedman, OFM



- **Development and Peace; Share Lent Collection: Today, April 6, 2025- 5th Sunday of Lent Solidarity Sunday**
- **RCIA** – Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 7:00 PM in the meeting room.
- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel**-- 2nd Wednesday of the month, which is April 9, 2025, **8AM to 6PM for this month only due to the Chrism Mass.**
- **Chrism Mass – Sacred Heart Cathedral Wednesday, April 9, 2025 @ 7:00PM**
- **Stations of the Cross** –every Friday of Lent at 7:00PM, next date is April 11, 2025 
- **K of C Monthly Meeting** – Next meeting will be Thursday, April 10, 2025 – every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** –April 13 & 27 at the 11AM Mass ONLY. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.
- **Lenten Reconciliation- Sacred Heart Cathedral** During Holy Week – check the SHC webpage at <https://shcpg.ca/index.php/schedule/News-Updates/lent-and-easter>
- **K of C Rosary – Thursday, April 24, 2025 at St. Mary's 7:00PM.** All councils and their families are invited to come and pray.
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast – NEXT date is Sunday, April 27, 2025** after the 9AM and 11AM Mass – Pancake Sunday in the month of May will be moved to Mother's Day, May 11, 2025.
- **CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION** – Tuesday, April 29, at 9:30AM and Wednesday, April 30 at 7PM (more information to follow)
- **2025 Jubilee Presentations at St. Mary's** Next session is **May 2, 2025, at 6:00PM** beginning with Stations of the Cross. Presentations will also be livestreamed via St. Mary's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@saintmarysprincegeorge5396>
- **Parish Spring Clean-up – Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.** Please bring your buckets, rags and rakes. 😊 Let's give our spiritual home a community clean-up.

Good Friday Collection for Holy Land – Friday, April 18, 2025






The annual collection for the Holy Land is our opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the Christians who live there. After the disruption in travel caused by the global pandemic, with the almost complete interruption of pilgrimages and the devastating

effects on economic activities, many have been forced into exile.

If we want to strengthen the Holy Land and ensure living contact with the Holy Places, we must sustain the Christian community there which comprises parishes, schools, hospitals, homes for the elderly and assistance centres for migrants, displaced persons and refugees.

The Good Friday collection for the Holy Land offers us the chance to support the survival of the presence and work of believers, which dates back to the time of Jesus Himself. Please be as generous as you can!

Triduum April 17-20, 2025 at Immaculate Conception Parish			
			
Holy Thursday 7:00 PM Adoration until 10:00 PM (NO 9:00 AM Mass)	Good Friday Veneration of the Cross 3:00 PM	Easter Vigil Saturday 8:00 PM	Easter Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 AM (NO 7:00 PM Mass)

Journey through Lent

The CCCB has released the first two videos in this year's "Journey through Lent" series, offering reflections on each week's Sunday readings. See the CCCB website here: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>

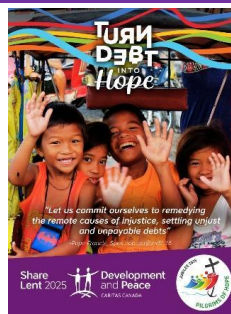
2025 Diocesan Youth Conference – Registration Now Open!

Registration is now open for the annual Diocesan Youth Conference. This year's guest presenters include the Benedictines of Westminster Abbey and the Dominicans of Mary Mother of the Eucharist.

The deadline for registration is May 15, 2025. Scan the poster for registration or register here:

<https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/diocesan-youth-conference/>

Share Lent *Turn Debt to Hope*



Each year, on this the 5th Sunday of Lent, Catholic Churches across Canada support the work of Development and Peace by celebrating Solidarity Sunday.

This year's Share Lent theme, **TURN DEBT INTO HOPE**, has focussed our attention on Pope Francis' call to forgive the debts of

countries that will never be able to repay them.

As we make our donations to Share Lent, we are contributing to a better world as we **TURN DEBT INTO HOPE**. Our monies will be used to help guide and inform those countries burdened with impossible debt as they are helped to analyse what is happening to them and guiding them to seek justice.

This tradition of forgiving debt is inspired by the biblical tradition of Jubilee, a time when debts were cancelled, slaves were set free and the land was allowed to rest. (Lev. 25, Deut. 15)

Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the communities Development and Peace supports in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection.

If you forgot to bring your donation envelope this week, you may do so next Sunday. PLEASE BE GENEROUS.

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