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April 13, 2025 – Passion (Palm) 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

"Christ became obedient for us to death, even death on a Cross."

Philippians 2.8

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MASS INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sun	Apr 13	9AM	RIP of Orillo Rocha
		11AM	For the Parishioners of IC
		7PM	For all those who have no one to pray for them.
Mon	Apr 14	9AM	RIP of Muriel Worley
Tues	Apr 15	9AM	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory For the
Wed	Apr 16	9AM	For the intentions of Germaine Westle
Thu	Apr 17	9AM	Holy Thursday For the Parishioners of IC
Fri	Apr 18	9AM	Good Friday no Mass Veneration of the Cross

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 Passion (Palm) Sunday

**“Father, forgive them,
they know not what they do.”**

These words of Jesus from Luke’s account of Christ’s passion and death reveal the compassion of the Suffering Servant. Hello, I’m Franciscan Fr. Greg Friedman and this is the *Sunday Soundbite* for Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion.

Each of the evangelists has a distinctive portrait of Jesus as he walks the way to Calvary. Luke remains consistent to the characteristics he’s highlighted all through his *Gospel*. He especially depicts Jesus’ concern for those on the margins of society—shown as the Lord heals in the Garden, comforts the weeping women, forgives his executioners, and welcomes the repentant thief.

Many of us I’m sure, have known people near death who show more concern about the feelings of those around them than for themselves. We marvel at the self-sacrifice such heroic love involves. Here in this Sunday’s account of the Passion is the model for all love—the sacrificial love of Jesus, which continues to be available for each of us.

Luke painted this portrait specifically for a Christian community in the latter half of the first century, which faced internal doubts and external persecution. It seems clear that he’s urging them—and us, the Church at the beginning of the Third Millennium—to cling fast to the image of the Suffering Messiah, whose example of love ought to guide our personal and communal life as Christians and as the Church.

From Father Greg Friedman, OFM

Triduum April 17-20, 2025

at Immaculate Conception Parish



Holy Thursday
7:00 PM
Adoration until
10:00PM
(NO 9:00AM Mass)



Good Friday
Veneration of the
Cross 3:00PM



Easter Vigil
Saturday
8:00PM

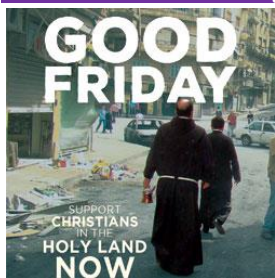


Easter Sunday
9:00 & 11:00AM
(NO 7:00PM Mass)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Children’s Liturgy of the Word –Today, 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.
- **RCIA – Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 7:00 PM** in the meeting room.
- **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>
- **K of C Monthly Meeting – Next meeting will be Thursday, May 8, 2025 – every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM**
- **Parish Spring Clean-up – Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.** Please bring your buckets, rags, rakes, and weed eater trimmers—we will be cleaning up the west bank of the grounds. 😊 Let’s give our spiritual home a community clean-up.
- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel--** 2nd Wednesday of the month, on May 14, 2025, from 8AM to 8PM.

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!

Good Friday--Church open for Veneration

The Church will remain open until 6:00 PM on Good Friday, for those who would like to Venerate the cross or pray the stations privately.

Use of Incense during Holy Week

"Incensing," or thurification, is the burning of incense as a symbolic act of reverence and prayer with the rising smoke representing the prayers of the faithful ascending to heaven. During Holy week on Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday we will have incense. The incense used is "hypoallergenic" for those with scent sensitivity.

Holy Thursday – Collection of non-perishable food

"Whatever you do for the least of My brothers and sisters, you do for Me." We do the Lord's work when we help the poor. Holy Thursday's collection of food will be for St. Vincent de Paul. Please respond as generously as you can. Thank you! Please put your food items in the **baskets in the foyer.**

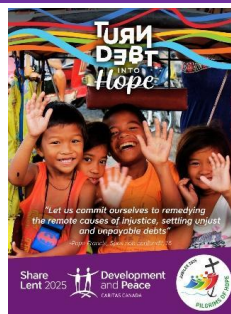
2025 Diocesan Youth Conference – Registration Now Open!

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*



Development and Peace thanks you for supporting the TURN DEBT INTO HOPE campaign with your Share Lent donation. **Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected \$1385.00.** This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the

Middle East.

If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the collection basket. Thank you for continuing to pray for those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.



An invitation from Saint George Parish

EASTER CONCERT
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**April 26
6:30 pm** | **Admission
by donation**

**FROM DEATH
TO *Life***

Join us for an evening of uplifting music as the local church choirs and talented individuals celebrate the passion and resurrection of Christ through hymns and songs.

St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church
2414 Vanier Dr., Prince George

As we approach the most joyful feast of the year, the **Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ**, we warmly invite you to join us for a special Easter Concert on April 26 at 6:30 PM. It would be an honor to have you with us.

Diocesan Wednesday Weekly
April 9, 2025



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