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Diocese of Prince George

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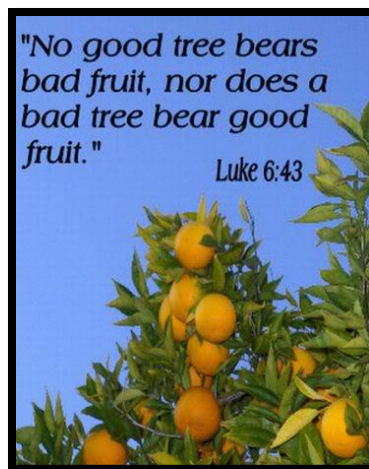
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March 2, 2025 – 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time



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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FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR: Jennifer Wilczek

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITS: Contact Parish Office

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR: Teresa Saunders

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: TBA

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CHURCH

SUNDAY COORDINATOR: Kerri Svendsen

ENVIRONMENT: Martha & Team

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Eugenio Calisto

SOCIAL ACTION &

GRAND KNIGHT: (250)-640-4533

SOUP KITCHEN: Sr. Michaela

K of C Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit:
for each tree is know by its own fruit. ”

Luke 6. 39-45

MASS INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sun	Mar 2	9AM	RIP of Victoria Bernadino
		11AM	For the Parishioners of IC
		7PM	
Mon	Mar 3	9AM	For the intentions of Barbara Pawlowska and Edite Rocha on their BD
Tues	Mar 4	9AM	RIP of George Murguly
Ash Wed	Mar 5	9AM	For the needs of IC School
		7PM	For the Parishioners of IC
Thu	Mar 6	9AM	For the intentions of Sr. Laura Chalut
Fri	Mar 7	9AM	RIP of Mrs. Mary Sammanasu

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.



- RCIA – Tuesday, March 4, 2025 7:00 PM in the meeting room.
- Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025
- Stations of the Cross – beginning Friday, March 7, 2025 at 7:00PM and every Friday of Lent.
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word – March 9, and 23 the 11AM Mass ONLY. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.
- Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel-- 2nd Wednesday of the month which is March 12, 2025, 8AM to 8PM.
- K of C Monthly Meeting – Next meeting will be Thursday, March 13th, 2025 – every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM
- K of C Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, March 16, 2025 after the 9AM and 11AM Mass – every third Sunday of the month.
- Book Study with Fr. Matthew – Mondays @ 7:00PM on March 3, 2025; and Thursdays @ 9:45AM on March 6, 2025



March 5, 2025

Mass times

- 9AM with IC School
- 7PM

On this first day of Lent, we receive ashes on our foreheads in the form of a cross, with the words “*Repent and believe in the gospel*”. The cross of ashes is a sign of our faith and a reminder of repentance for our sins.

With these ashes, we recall our origins from the earth, as well as how our bodies shall return one day to the same form (as indicated by the dictum “*Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return*”).

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are universal days of Fasting and Abstinence in the Church. Fasting, for all those who are 18 to 59 years of age, and in reasonable health, and abstinence from meat for those 14 and older. Parents and educators are the greatest influence in modelling these practices to children to help them understand their importance.

Fasting is one of the three pillars of Lent, along with prayer and almsgiving. It is a practice of self-discipline with a focus on penance intended to strengthen our faith and serve as a witness of our faith. It allows us to share in the suffering of those who are hungry.

2025 Jubilee Presentations St. Mary’s

St. Mary’s Parish in Prince George will be holding presentations followed by Holy Rosary and Confession, on the first Friday of each month during the Jubilee Year. Everyone is invited to attend these presentations. **Next session is March 7, 2025, at 6:00PM**

Presentations will also be livestreamed via St. Mary’s YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@saintmarysprincegeorge5396>

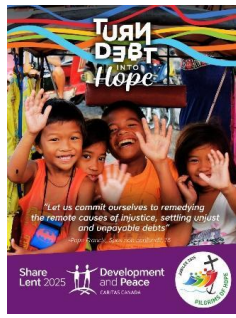
Right to Life Society / 40 Days for Life

You are invited to attend the Right to Life Society’s 1st Sunday of the Month Prayer Vigil on Sunday, March 2, from 2:00-3:00 pm on the footpath at the intersection of Ferry Avenue and Hwy 16. We look forward to seeing you.

This year, we will not be participating in the 40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign but will still participate in the fall campaign which will begin in September. Now, more than ever, pre-born lives are at risk, we need to join our voices so that we will be heard to truly make a difference to save their lives.

Share Lent

During this Jubilee year, Pope Francis invites us to “*forgive the debts* of countries that will never be able to repay them.” Development and Peace is responding to this call through this year’s campaign **Turn Debt into Hope**.



One example of D&P’s focus is the Philippines, which had to borrow billions in 2013 in the wake of Super Typhoon Haiyan. Their total debt now stands at over \$111 billion.

Here are a few ways you can join us in helping to **Turn the Debt into Hope**.

1. **Donating** online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on April 6, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 79 projects in 34 countries around the world!
2. **Get the Mini-magazine** and follow the **Solidarity Calendar** with your family. Discover all the resources at devp.org/lent/resources. There are some printed and available in the foyer.

Virtual Calendar

<https://devp.org/en/campaign/turn-debt-into-hope/calendar-2025/>

Weekly Share Lent News

Every Friday, from March 7 to April 18, 2025, throughout Lent, you’ll receive ideas for reflection and action, as well as information about the Turn Debt into Hope campaign and our partners.

[Sign up now for our special newsletter!](#)



Feast of St. Patrick

The annual Mass to mark the, Patron of Ireland, will take place at Immaculate Conception Church on **Tuesday, March 11, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** It will be celebrated by Fr. Matthew Bellerive. All are welcome, and you are encouraged to wear your green.

Diocesan Wednesday Weekly February 26, 2024

Our Parish Goal Update as FEBRUARY 19, 2025:



Our Project Goal:	\$28,357
Our Project Goal:	\$ 6,000
Total Goal:	\$34,357
Total Pledges Received to date:	\$ 25,600.
	90% of our Goal
	74.51% of the total Goal

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Appeal to date. We ask for your continued participation both financially and in prayer. Receipts have been mailed out.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank

The focus in March will be **PEANUT BUTTER** and **PAPER PRODUCTS** (*paper towel, toilet paper, serviettes, kleenex*) but **ALL** non-perishable food items will continue to be accepted.

There is a box in the foyer for your donations.

Shepherd’s Corner

Located on 2nd Ave. Prince George, *Shepherd’s Corner* is a diocesan outreach that ministers to street people. We are supporting the work of this outreach by collecting hygiene items. *Suggestions include (small sizes): toothbrushes, combs, toothpaste, dental floss, hand soap, shampoo, deodorant, nail clippers, lip balm, hand sanitizers, Kleenex pouches, hand lotion, feminine hygiene products, disposable razors.....*

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Rachel's Vineyard Spring Retreats- BC Interior 2025

For Emotional and Spiritual healing, Rachel's vineyard weekend retreats offer a supportive, non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. Confidentiality assured.

KELOWNA: weekend April 4 - 6 Contact Vicki at 250-762-2273

www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com or Facebook - Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

MERRIT: Tues - Thurs May 13 - 15 contact Nancy at 250-267-5081 phone or text Email :

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PRINCE GEORGE RETREATS STARTING IN 2025 - STAY TUNED

For more info: Father Michael at Christ Our Savior

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Or Adele at St Mary's email:

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Do you want to fast this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis...

Fast from:

Hurting words - and say kind words

Sadness - and be filled with gratitude

Anger - and be filled with patience

Pessimism - and be filled with hope

Worries - and have trust in God

Complaints - and contemplate simplicity

Pressure - and be prayerful

Bitterness - and fill your hearts with joy

Selfishness - and be compassionate to others

Grudges - and be reconciled

Words - and be silent so you can listen



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