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**March 16, 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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K of C Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

**“This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!”**

Luke 9.28b-36



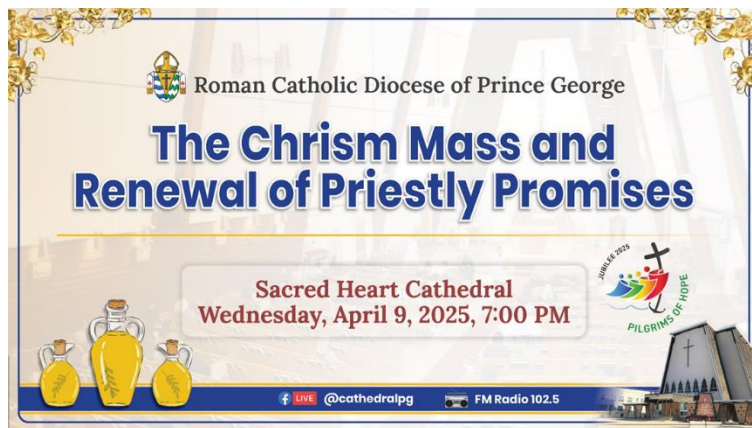
# MASS INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sun	Mar 16	9AM	For the Parishioners of IC
		11AM	For the intentions of the Iorhermen Family in thanksgiving for the blessings in their lives
		7PM	For the intentions of Ariadne Hiller
Mon	Mar 17	9AM	RIP of Darren Forrest
Tues	Mar 18	9AM	RIP of Norm Listhaeghe
Wed	Mar 19	9AM	RIP of Branko & Maria Federucci
Thu	Mar 20	9AM	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri	Mar 21	9AM	

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.



- **K of C Pancake Breakfast – Today, Sunday, March 16, 2025 after the 9AM and 11AM Mass – every third Sunday of the month.**
- **RCIA – Tuesday, March 18, 2025 7:00 PM in the meeting room.**
- **Stations of the Cross –every Friday of Lent at 7:00PM, next date is March 21.**
- **Children’s Liturgy of the Word –March 23 at the 11AM Mass ONLY. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.**
- **Lenten Reconciliation – IC March 27 @ 7PM St. Mary’s April 3 @7PM**
- **Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel-- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, which is April 9, 2025, 8AM to 8PM.**
- **K of C Monthly Meeting – Next meeting will be Thursday, April 10, 2025 – every 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00PM**



## Reflection for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

### LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

Reflecting on the themes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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?

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent Videos

- <https://media.ascensionpress.com/video/second-sunday-of-lent-c/>
- Lent for Kids  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhFhHQdkbHE>  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1M0AGlwjVLo>

## 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. The videos for the series can be found on the CCCB website here: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>

## 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 April 4, 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>

## 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/>

## CCCB Sends Letters to the Hon. Pierre Poilievre and Hon. Mark Holland Regarding Charitable Status and MAiD

On March 10, 2025, the CCCB sent two letters to the federal government. The first, addressed to the Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Conservative Party Leader and Leader of the Official Opposition, was regarding concerns about proposals made by the federal Standing Committee on Finance to change eligibility criteria for charitable status. Such changes would make it so that organizations which support the advancement of religion or pro-life initiatives will no longer be eligible for charitable status.

The second letter, addressed to the Hon. Mark Holland, Minister of Health, was regarding a recently-concluded "national consultation" on expanding Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in view of introducing advance requests.

Both letters can be found attached to the Wednesday Weekly, or via the CCCB website at the following links:

- <https://www.cccb.ca/justice-and-peace/citizenship-and-the-common-good/> (update to the "What's New" link)
- <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/suffering-and-end-of-life/euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide/>

## Rachel's Vineyard Spring Retreats- BC Interior 2025



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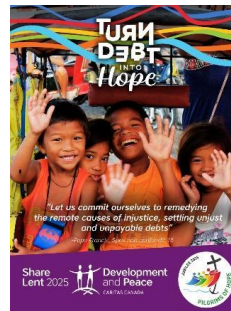
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Or Adele at St Mary's email:

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## Diocesan Wednesday Weekly March 12, 2024



## Share Lent *Turn Debt to Hope*

In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis calls on us to take part in the global *Turn Debt into Hope* campaign to "forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them".

Knowing that 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on foreign

debt repayment to their lenders than on health or education, we **MUST** act!

Following Mass today March 16, please sign the global petition calling for:

1. Canceling unjust and unsustainable debts
2. Reforming the global financial system to prioritize people and the planet
3. Establishing a binding and comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations

## Home, Hospital and Hospice Visits

If you or someone you know are confined to home, are unable to come to church and would like a pastoral visit, please call or email the parish office and let us know.

Also, when being admitted to the hospital let the registration clerk know that you wish to be visited. The Privacy Act limits the information that hospitals can release or request and we have no other way of knowing you are in hospital unless you let us know.





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