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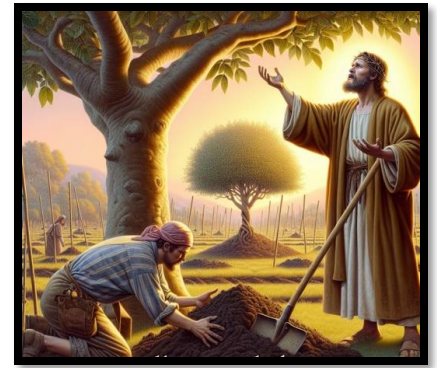
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March 23, 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Lent



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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SUNDAY COORDINATOR: Kerri Svendsen

ENVIRONMENT: Martha & Team

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SOUP KITCHEN: Sr. Michaela

K of C Meetings 2nd Thursday of the month

VOCATIONS: Fr. Terry Brock

“If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”

Luke 13.9



MASS INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sun	Mar 23	9AM	RIP of Roy Fuller
		11AM	For the Parishioners of IC
		7PM	
Mon	Mar 24	9AM	For a special intention
Tues	Mar 25	9AM	
Wed	Mar 26	9AM	
Thu	Mar 27	9AM	
Fri	Mar 28	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.

Reflection for the 3rd Sunday of Lent



It's true the Lenten fasting rules are not what they were in the memory and experience of many older Catholics. The


emphasis today in our Lenten observance has shifted somewhat. We stress the “baptismal” character of Lent. It's a time when we re-affirm our Christian identity and support those preparing for baptism. Repentance is still a Lenten focus and today those two themes come together in our scriptures.

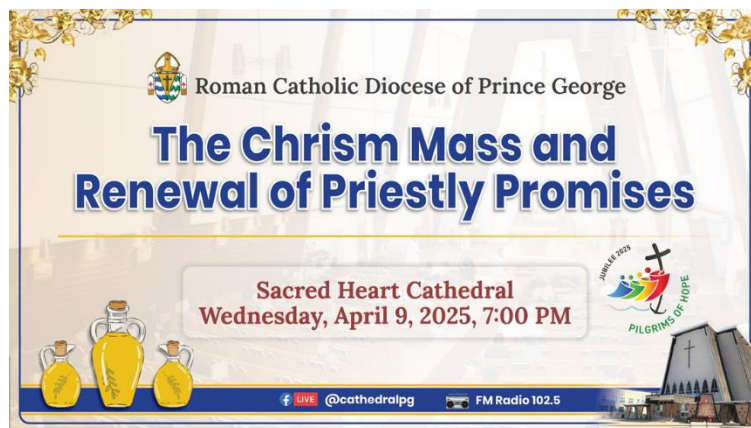
Take a cue from St. Paul who creatively retells the story of the Israelites in the desert to remind the Corinthians that being baptized means a life of repentance. A Christian is to live differently--to constantly have a spirit of conversion.

It's a theme Jesus picks up in the *Gospel*, correcting popular notions about why bad things happen to good people. All of us, Jesus says, must be “reform-minded.” God doesn't single out anyone by sending tragedies or natural disasters. We all have opportunities--not unlimited, of course--but opportunities nonetheless, to turn from sin and accept God's love. It's what baptism commits us to do.

From Father Greg Friedman, OFM



- Children's Liturgy of the Word –today, March 23 at the 11AM Mass ONLY. Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.
- RCIA – Tuesday, March 25, 2025 7:00 PM in the meeting room.
- Stations of the Cross –every Friday of Lent at 7:00PM, next date is March 28, 2025. 
- Monthly Adoration at Domano Chapel-- 2nd 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
- 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 be moved to Mother's Day, May 11, 2025.
- CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION – Tuesday, April 29, at 9AM and Wednesday, April 30 at 7PM (more information to follow)



Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince George

The Chrism Mass and Renewal of Priestly Promises

Sacred Heart Cathedral
Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 7:00 PM

Facebook: @cathedralpg FM Radio 102.5

Journey through Lent

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

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/>

Music Ministry members from the city parishes

You are invited to join the choir that will sing at the **Chrism Mass on Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00PM** at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Practice is scheduled at **7:00PM** at Sacred Heart Cathedral on the following **Wednesdays: March 26 and April 2.**

Lenten Reconciliation Times in city Parishes

- **Immaculate Conception Parish**

Thursday, March 27 @ 7:00 – 8:00PM

- **St. Mary's Parish**

Thursday, April 3: 7:00 – 8:00PM

- **Christ Our Saviour Parish**

Tuesday, April 1, @ 6:30PM

- **Sacred Heart Cathedral**

During Holy Week – Times TBA



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Highlights March 12, 2025

Please find full minutes posted on the Bulletin Board in the entrance way.

FAITH FORMATION FOR PPC MEMBERS

There was a great discussion of the book *Divine Renovation*. Details will be made known to parishioners in due time.

FUTURE PRESENTATION

There will be a presentation on **CYBER SECURITY** on Tuesday April 29, 2025, at 9:00am, same content will be repeated on Wednesday April 30, 2025 at 7:00pm.

If you know of a topic of interest to our parishioners, please speak to a PPC member. Thank you!

COFFEE SUNDAY

Many thanks to Kerri Svendsen for coordinating this ministry. More volunteers are needed for both the 9am and 11am Masses as the aim is to have a different "team" each Sunday of the month. If we don't have enough volunteers, we won't be able to offer this important community hospitality which is appreciated by so many.'

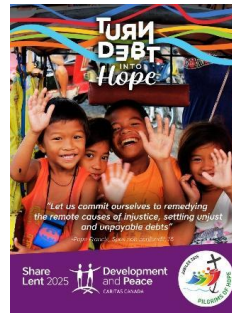
2025 Diocesan Youth Conference – Registration Now Open!

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/>

Diocesan Wednesday Weekly March 19, 2024



Share Lent *Turn Debt to Hope*

Thank you to all who signed the petition last weekend. It will be presented June 2025 when Canada hosts the G7 summit in Kananaskis Alberta.

Peru is facing an ecological debt crisis as industries (often foreign owned) plunder its natural resources, resulting in harm to both environmental rights and human rights.

Sadly, most of these industries which are located in the Global North, contribute greatly to the North's enrichment at the expense of the Global South. Thus, as countries in the Global South incur financial debts that further impoverish them, they are owed an increasing ecological debt by the Global North that is never settled.

Resource mismanagement and unfair international conditions have trapped Tunisia in debt.

Development and Peace (D & P) partners work locally to help Tunisians seek fairer and more equitable policies that benefit all parties.

D & P partners, the Episcopal Commission for Social Action (CEAS), The Institute Bartolomé (IBC) and the Tunisian Economic Observatory (OTE) work closely with affected communities, advocating for justice and sustainable alternatives. Find out more about their work by watching the [video](#) for the framework within the United Nations at <https://devp.org/en/campaign/turn-debt-into-hope/resources-lent-2025/#videos>

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/@saintmarysprincegeorgee5396>



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