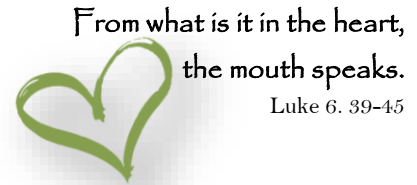


# Wednesday Weekly

## February 27, 2019

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019**

**EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**



From what is in the heart,  
the mouth speaks.

Luke 6. 39-45

**WHEN APPLICABLE**—please ensure that the following items are in your bulletin and/or are also ANNOUNCED.

**\*For the city\*\*For all parishes in THE DIOCESE** This will ensure that the same information is being heard across **the diocese**. **THANK YOU**

### ATTACHMENTS:

- **DYC 2019 REVISED Poster for parish and school distribution** (pdf and jpg format)

### TO RECEIVE ALL DIOCESAN NEWS DIRECTLY IN YOUR INBOX OR ON YOUR PHONE:

Email Teresa at [reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca) OR TEXT “pgd” TO 514-900-0130 to join **Flocknote** – it is an email and text messaging tool created for churches, ministries, teams and other community organizations. It helps to communicate with the people by sending a simple text message. Please join us in keeping up with all the diocesan news.



## The Season of Lent

The season of prayer and penance to prepare for the feast of the Resurrection begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Originally the period of fasting in preparation for Easter did not exceed two or three days, but by the time of the Council of Nicaea in AD 325 forty days were customary. This length of time is associated with Christ’s forty-day fast in the desert before beginning His public life (Matthew 4:1-2) and also recalls the forty years Israel spent in the desert after the Exodus from Egypt (Numbers 14:34).

Lent has a twofold purpose: it is the last stage of preparation of Catechumens for Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil and it prepares all of us to renew our baptismal promises at Easter.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are universal days of penance. On these days those who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from meat and those from 18 to 59 years of age should also fast, limiting their food to not more than one regular meal and two lighter snacks.

Besides fast and abstinence on specified days, the whole Lenten season should be penitential, with stress on prayer, reception of the Sacraments, especially Penance and Reconciliation, almsgiving and the practice of charity.

“What every Christian should always be doing must now be performed more earnestly and devoutly...not simply a reduction in our food, but the elimination of our evil habits”  
(St. Leo the Great).

## News Release from Bishop Stephen Jensen

February 19, 2019

### DIOCESAN OFFICES AND DRC RELOCATING

Bishop Stephen Jensen announced that the Diocese of Prince George has accepted an offer to purchase the property on Southridge Avenue currently occupied by the Diocesan Pastoral Centre and the Domano Renewal Centre. The offer, which is subject to a number of conditions from the diocese and the purchaser, will take several months to complete.

After 17 years in its “temporary” location, the diocese will move its offices to leased space and then complete a process of planning to build a new facility for offices, conference and retreat space. The diocese owns properties in the city which would be suitable sites. We want to be good stewards of our financial resources to provide the right facilities to serve our evangelizing mission for decades to come.

There are many questions about how this future will unfold. We are only at the start of a lengthy process and further information will be shared as it becomes available.

1. **MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE DIOCESE (PARISHES AND SCHOOLS):** 2018 T4s are now available on the Payworks using your username and password.
2. **\*ST. PATRICK'S MASS:** The annual Mass to anticipate the **Feast of St. Patrick** will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, beginning at 6:00 PM. The celebrant will be Fr. Chris Lynch from Immaculate Conception Parish. All are welcome to join the Irish community in a celebration of the principal patron of Ireland. Don't forget to wear green!

3. **MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** The Diocese of Prince George is hosting a Marriage Preparation weekend for couples on **April 5 – 7, 2019**. Beginning Friday evening and concluding on Sunday early afternoon. Online registration available go to <http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/marriage-preparation-retreat/> . Or for more information phone at (250) 964-4424 (ext. 2203) or email [jgarden@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:jgarden@pgdiocese.bc.ca)

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# Evangelization and Formation

## DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE UPDATE:

### Pulpit Announcements:

- 1) The DRC is hosting **Saintly March Movie Nights** on Thursday evenings, the 7, 14, 21 and 28 of March. Gathering at 6:00 PM in Nazareth House at the DRC, movie to start at 6:30 PM sharp. The first movie shown will be *Paul: Apostle of Christ* (parents please be advised that there are some intense scenes of Christian persecution in this movie.) Suggested offering of \$5.00 per person.
1. **SAINTLY MARCH MOVIE NIGHTS:** On the Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of March – we will gather in Nazareth at 6:00 PM and the movie will begin 6:30 PM sharp. The movies will concentrate on the lives of saints. There will be a short time for discussion and fellowship after the movie. Popcorn will be provided and moviegoers are also encouraged to bring shareable snacks. The first movie shown will be *Paul: Apostle of Christ* (parents please be advised that there are some intense scenes of Christian persecution in this movie.) Nazareth House, located by the DRC office, is furnished with couches and armchairs. Suggested offering of \$5.00 per person.

## YOUNG ADULTS

1. **UNBC CAMPUS MASS--** Every Wednesday there will be Mass at the UNBC campus 12:30 PM in the Inter Faith Chaplaincy! Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Jack. All are welcome.

## YOUTH

### 1. ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

- a. Thank you to Lia Mills for speaking at St. Mary's Youth Group. Lia spoke about her experience as a human rights activist. She started at age twelve with a speech she prepared on abortion for an English assignment and school competition that went viral on YouTube.

Lia's message inspired the youth to follow what God has placed in their hearts and to follow what they are passionate about, and not to be afraid or discouraged about what others say. Our faithful witness to the truth of God's love will inspire and ignite the hearts of those around us; no one is too young or too old to live out God's plan in their lives!

*"If God is for us, who is against us?" - Romans 8:31*

- b. All youth grades 7-12 are welcome to attend our next St. Mary's Youth Group evening on Ash Wednesday, March 6 from 6:30-8:30 PM. The group will gather in the gym at 6:30 PM and then attend Mass together at 7:00 PM in the Church, followed by snacks and refreshments in the St. Eugene Room and games in the St. Mary's School Gym. See you there.
- c. Ski Trip to Purden Ski Village has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 16, 2019. Please contact Claudia at 250-564-4097 if you are interested in attending.



## 2. **DYC 2019 “CALLED”** May 3-5, 2019

This year’s DYC is excited to have Katie Prejean McGrady as the keynote speaker along with Face2Face Ministries.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW LIVE!!** Head to <http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/dyc-2019-registration/> to REGISTER TODAY!

Parishes, please print attached poster for your bulletins and bulletin boards.

**This event is open to all in grades 7-12.**

Please print attached pdf poster for parish and school distribution.

Since 2007, Katie has been traveling around North America speaking to audiences of all ages on everything from the Eucharist, pursuing a relationship with Jesus, models and methods of evangelization, ice cream flavors, and the best shows to watch on Netflix. Audiences are

often challenged and excited by her talks because her presentation style is filled with humor, substantive teachings, engaging stories, and a message of encouragement as people set out to meet and fall in love with Christ and the Church.