

Wednesday Weekly February 19, 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 23, 2020



*Love your enemies and pray
for those who persecute you.*

Matthew 5.38.48

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

WANT TO SHARE NEWS IN THE WEDNESDAY WEEKLY? – Email Martha Primus @ mprimus@pgdiocese.bc.ca by NOON on Tuesday. Please send in Word format.

TO RECEIVE ALL DIOCESAN NEWS DIRECTLY IN YOUR INBOX OR ON YOUR PHONE email Teresa at reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca **OR TEXT** “pgd” **TO** 514-900-0130 to join **Flocknote**. This 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.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Lenten Noon Hour Gospel Reflections- St. Mary’s, PG
- What is Retrouville
 - Poster for upcoming weekend
- 2020 Marriage Prep Poster

The Season of Lent



The season of prayer and penance to prepare for the feast of the Resurrection begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020. 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).

1. **CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH FAITH STUDY SERIES** at Sacred Heart Cathedral during Lent 2020. You are invited to grow in faith and love of God through a six-week *Discovery Faith Study* produced by Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO). CCO's faith studies have had a huge impact on university campuses across Canada, including UNBC.

The *Discovery Faith Study* is a simple but personally challenging look at the Gospel message. Participants gather in men's and women's groups of 8-10 to strengthen their relationship with Jesus, grow in fellowship with other parishioners, and learn how to share their faith with others.

The study will begin on **Thursday, February 27, 2020**. There are two opportunities to participate: a daytime session at 2:00 PM or an evening session at 7:00 PM. The commitment is for one hour each week. Please call the cathedral at 250-564-5225 to register.

2. **LENTEN NOON HOUR GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:** Back by popular demand the sisters of St. Joseph will host a Noon Hour Gospel Reflections on **Mondays February 24th, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th**. Sessions will be from Noon to 1:30 PM, in the St. Eugene Room. Refreshments will be provided. **See poster for more details**
3. **RETROUVAILLE MINISTRY:** Addresses serious marital problems such as disillusionment, boredom, separation, infidelity, etc.; teaching communication and working on forgiveness, healing and the restoration of trust. The next weekend retreat will be held on April 17 – 19, 2020 at the Barnabas Family Ministries Retreat Centre, Keats Island, followed by six follow-up sessions (in person or online) at the Holy Family Parish, Vancouver. **See poster and What is Retrouvaille.** Register at www.retrouvaillevancouver.com- REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL
4. **SACRAMENTAL RECORDS FOR 2019 FROM PARISH FRIENDLY:** **A big thank you to those who have submitted these to Teresa.** If you have not yet submitted, please “Download” and email all your sacramental records from Parish Friendly for the 2019 Year to Teresa at reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca **ASAP**. If you require assistance with this process contact Martha.

**Make sure you do not open the file before sending it –
we cannot upload it if you do.**

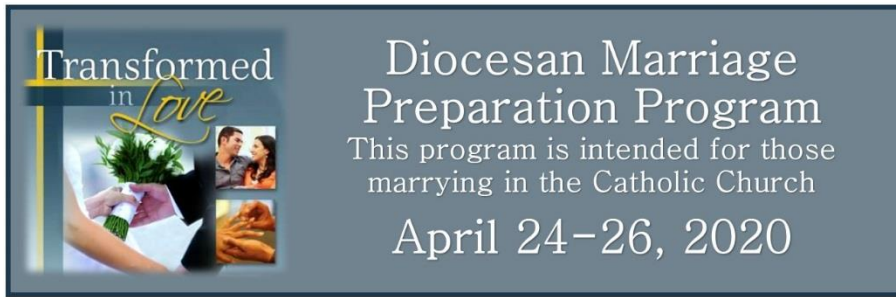
If you do not have Parish Friendly – please send a hard copy of your parish registers to Teresa via fax or postal mail.

SOME PARISHES ARE A FEW YEARS BEHIND IN SUBMITTING THEIR RECORDS!

If you are not sure if you are up to date, please contact Teresa at 250-964-4424 or email reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca and find out if you are up to date.

5. **SAFE PARISH AND COMMUNITIES:** A reminder to submit your PIC report to Martha Primus via email mprimus@pgdiocese.bc.ca from Parish Friendly. If you have done so thank you, if not please submit as soon as possible.

6. ****DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND –See attached poster**



For details and registration click here: <https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/marriage-preparation-retreat>

7. **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- **CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS- PRINCE GEORGE** is hiring for the 2020-2021 school year.

Openings include a principalship in Smithers, BC as well as teachers at our eight schools in the diocese. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in working in our CISPG schools please head to our website at <http://cispg.ca/cispg/careers/> for details of the postings and to complete the online application.

Evangelization and Formation

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1. ****MARK YOUR CALENDAR: DYC 2020 – MAY 1-3, 2020**

The 25th anniversary of DYC in the Diocese of Prince George:

The Gateway: “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

REGISTER NOW AT:

<https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/youth/registration-2020-dyc/>

