

Nelson Diocese Catholic Charismatic Conference will be held at Holy Child Parish April 24th and 25th. There is need for billeting. If you have space available, please be so kind to offer accommodation to pilgrims to this conference. Contact: Connie Blackburn at 778-516-7876. Thank you!

HOLY MASS & DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION BY THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT THE SENIOR'S VILLAGE ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

2019 TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE FOYER!!!!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Explore the Faith discussion group meets Thursday nights at 6:30pm in the church hall. For the next several weeks of lent, we will be watching and discussing the series Metanoia, A Journey with Christ into Conversion by Fr. Dave Pivonka. Please join us.

MASS INTENTIONS

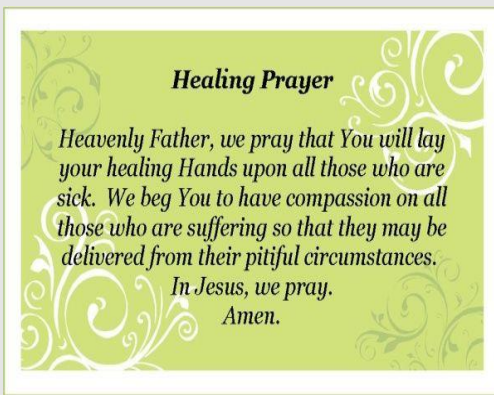
- MAR 10 - (I) RACHEL JAEB
- MAR 11 - (I) DINA TREMBLAY
- MAR 12 - (R) MARY LEARDO
- MAR 13 - (R) JOYCE BARNDEN
- MAR 14 - (R) RALPH BRETT

PARISH PRAYER LIST

(please call the office - 250-494-3110)

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER FOR THE SICK... and all who are suffering

in any way in our community and in our families, especially: George Szucs, John Morrissey, Debra Webb, Christine Delaurier, Vivian Dolezsar, Philomena Keogan, Eugene Chorneyko, Rosa Santos, Kathryn Simpson, Elmo Sheppard, Toran Younge, Anne Arthur, Jim Graf, Nick Deuling, Olivia Whitfield-Carson, Sandy Jaser, Malinowski Family, Carrie Malinowski, Jennifer Knoll, Reid & Anne Watson, Paul Pasqualetto, Kian Hooshmand-Hall, Ann Grison, Dawna Werbeski, Marie Horn, Pat Thomas, Sheila Daflyen, Betty Jolie, Chrissy Kozier, Richard Roess, Cecilia Roess, Jack Rowland, Jo-Ann Rowland, Margo Preston, Jody Richter, Geraldine Koropchuk, Bill Appel, Cindy Garner, Jack Appel, Dina Tremblay, Carey Roess, Henry Bernard



**MARCH 8, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**



HOLY CHILD PARISH

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Office Hrs - Tues.-Fri. 10:30am-1:00pm

Parish Secretary: Carey Roess

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Fridays after Mass (9:30am)

Saturdays-5:30-6pm.

Adoration – Every Thursday – 9:30 - 11:00 AM

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Ministerial Singers – Terri W. – 250-809-1734

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 1, 2020 – \$ 2, 419.50

THANK YOU! GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROUS

HEARTS! God loves a cheerful giver!

(2 Cor. 9)

MASS SCHEDULE

(No Mon. Mass unless specified)

TUESDAY	7PM
WEDNESDAY*- FRIDAY	9AM
SATURDAY	6PM
SUNDAY	10AM
Sacred Heart Mission Mass	1PM (at Penticton Reserve)
*2 nd Wed. of the month- Mass is at Sr’s Village- 9:25AM.	

HOLY CHILD PARISH CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE



ATTENTION GARDENERS!
THE CWL PLANT SALE WILL BE HELD ON MAY 9, 2020, SAT.
PLANT YOUR SEEDLINGS NOW!!

GOOD NEWS!
OUR PARISH WILL BE HAVING “PARISH MISSION RETREAT” ON NOV. 22-23, 2020. OUR FACILITATOR IS KEN YASINSKI, THE MOST SOUGHT CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN SPEAKER TODAY AND WILL TALK ABOUT “THE FULLNESS OF PURPOSE.”
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

DAILY READINGS

(Mar 9– Mar 15, 2020)

Mon: Daniel 9.3, 4b-10/Lk 6.36-38
Tue: Is 1.10, 16-20, 27-28, 31/Mt 23.1-12
Wed: Jr 18.18-20/Mt 20.17-28
Thu: Jr 17.5-10/Lk 16.19-31
Fri: Gen 37.3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28/Mt 21.33-43, 45-46
Sat: Micah 7.14-15,18-20/Lk 15.1-3, 11-32
Sun: 3rd Sun of Lent/Ex 17.3-7/Rom 5.1, 5-8/Jn 4.5-42

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY (Mar 14, 2020)

Sacristan: R. MacIntyre
Readers: 1. B. MacIntyre, 2. – N. McPhedran
Commentator: M. Tinka

SUNDAY (Mar 15, 2020)

Sacristan: T. Rathjen
Readers: 1. M. Veillette, 2. L. Ladeira
Commentator: J. Jay
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Camacho, S. Stiles, B. Rodriguez, B. Jacobs
Altar Servers: Claire De Gagne, Jaemon Ferguson, Lauren Dolan
Greeters: Jose, Maria, Lucy Ladeira
Choir:

GRIEF TO GRACE – There is help.....

If you have suffered abuse, you may have lived in great isolation and loneliness. You may be keeping shameful secrets. You may be afraid of being judged as unworthy or bad. You may have been called terrible names and have come to believe these as true. But these are not the truth. The truth is that something terrible happened to you and, because of a noble spirit, you have survived. The truth is that you are a child of God, “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139). We want you to recover your unique beauty and worth, hidden by something terrible, but now ready to be claimed – the real you.

Please contact us in complete confidence to learn more. We understand it can be difficult to talk about what has happened and that interested individuals may be a long way from deciding to attend a retreat.

Grief to Grace-Reclaiming the Gift of Human Dignity - is a spiritual journey for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through sexual/psychological abuse, rape, incest, physical or emotional abuse & neglect or other forms of traumatic violation in childhood, adolescence, or as an adult.

Applications are now being accepted for the next Grief to Grace program in Kelowna, May 6 -10, 2020.

To register or more information call 250-878-7603 or email g2gkelownabc@gmail.com

Diocese of Nelson Matrimonial Tribunal

Divorced and looking for closure? Remarried and yearning to return to the sacraments? The Diocese of Nelson Matrimonial Tribunal is here to help. We can be reached by phone, 250 448 2725 ext. 280, or e-mail marriage.tribunal@nelsondiocese.org and are more than willing to answer any questions about the process itself, any fees that may be involved, or simply how to begin a case.

LENT 101: HELPFUL DEFINITIONS

FAST: Eating less food than normal (does not necessarily mean no food). Ages 18-59

- **What you can eat:** One normal, full-sized meal, and two smaller meals which if combined would not exceed one full meal.
- **Why:** "Denying material food, which nourishes our body, nurtures an interior disposition to listen to Christ and be fed by His saving word. Through fasting and praying, we allow Him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God." — Pope Benedict XVI

ABSTINENCE: Do not eat meat. Ages 14 up.

- **What you can eat:** fish and seafood
 - **Why:** "Catholic peoples from time immemorial have set apart Friday for special penitential observance by which they gladly suffer with Christ that they may one day be glorified with Him. This is the heart of the tradition of abstinence from meat on Friday where that tradition has been observed in the holy Catholic Church." —USCCB
- ALMSGIVING:** Material generosity to the less fortunate.
- **What you can give:** money, goods, acts of charity
 - **Why:** Almsgiving "represents a specific way to assist those in need and, at the same time, an exercise in self-denial to free us from attachment to worldly goods . . . Almsgiving helps us to overcome this constant temptation, teaching us to respond to our neighbor's needs and to share with others whatever we possess through divine goodness." —Pope Benedict XVI

DUTIES OF CATHOLICS DURING LENT

Fasting & Abstinence: Our obligatory duty on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence: Do not eat meat on the Fridays of Lent. Treat it as a day of penance.

Confession: Catholics are obligated to fulfill their Easter Duty by receiving Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season (from Easter Sunday to Pentecost), therefore the Sacrament of Reconciliation is required prior to this, and is strongly recommended as a Lenten penitential practice.

Employment Opportunity: Diocese of Nelson Appeals & Special Projects

Coordinator:

The Appeals and Special Projects Coordinator is responsible for the annual Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal and organizing other fundraising efforts on behalf of the Bishop of Nelson. We are looking for a creative, dynamic, organized individual with excellent communication skills to add to our team at the Chancery Office.

Hours: Full-time 35 hrs/wk.; benefits; pension
Start Date: March 30, 2020

Full job description is available at: www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/jobs

Please apply by submitting your resume by March 6, 2020, to: Diocese of Nelson, Attn: Kim Jacobs, 3665 Benvoulin Road, Kelowna, BC, V1W 4M7.

PLEASE JOIN!!!!
EVERY FRIDAY AT 7 PM – WAY OF THE CROSS AT THE CHURCH

FULL TEXT:
Pope's Message for Lent 2020
FEBRUARY 24, 2020 13:00

"We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5:20)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year the Lord grants us, once again, a favourable time to prepare to celebrate with renewed hearts the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the cornerstone of our personal and communal Christian life. We must continually return to this mystery in mind and heart, for it will continue to grow within us in the measure that we are open to its spiritual power and respond with freedom and generosity.

1. The paschal mystery as the basis of conversion

Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. This *kerygma* sums up the mystery of a love "so real, so true, so concrete, that it invites us to a relationship of openness and fruitful dialogue" (*Christus Vivit*, 117). Whoever believes this message rejects the lie that our life is ours to do with as we will. Rather, life is born of the love of God our Father, from his desire to grant us

life in abundance (cf. *Jn 10:10*). If we listen instead to the tempting voice of the "father of lies" (*Jn 8:44*), we risk sinking into the abyss of absurdity, and experiencing hell here on earth, as all too many tragic events in the personal and collective human experience sadly bear witness.

In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*: "Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew" (No. 123). Jesus' Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer.

2. The urgency of conversion

It is good to contemplate more deeply the paschal mystery through which God's mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a "face to face"

relationship with the crucified and risen Lord "who loved me and gave himself for me" (*Gal 2:20*), in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. That is why prayer is so important in Lent. Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God's love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God's eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will.

In this favourable season, then, may we allow ourselves to be led like Israel into the desert (cf. *Hos 2:14*), so that we can at last hear our Spouse's voice and allow it to resound ever more deeply within us. The more fully we are engaged with his word, the more we will experience the mercy he freely gives us. May we not let this time of grace pass in vain, in the foolish illusion that we can control the times and means of our conversion to him.

3. God's passionate will to dialogue with his children

The fact that the Lord once again offers us a favourable time for our

conversion should never be taken for granted. This new opportunity ought to awaken in us a sense of gratitude and stir us from our sloth. Despite the sometimes-tragic presence of evil in our lives, and in the life of the Church and the world, this opportunity to change our course expresses God's unwavering will not to interrupt his dialogue of salvation with us. In the crucified Jesus, who knew no sin, yet for our sake was made to be sin (cf. *2 Cor 5:21*), this saving will led the Father to burden his Son with the weight of our sins, thus, in the expression of Pope Benedict XVI, "turning of God against himself" (*Deus Caritas Est*, 12). For God also loves his enemies (cf. *Mt 5:43-48*).

The dialogue that God wishes to establish with each of us through the paschal mystery of his Son has nothing to do with empty chatter, like that attributed to the ancient inhabitants of Athens, who "spent their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new" (*Acts 17:21*). Such chatter, determined by an empty and superficial curiosity, characterizes worldliness in every age; in our own day, it can also result in improper use of the media.

4. A richness to be shared, not kept for oneself

Putting the paschal mystery at the centre of our lives means feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth's goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry.

Today too, there is a need to appeal to men and women of good will to share, by almsgiving, their goods with those most in need, as a means of personally participating in the building of a better world. Charitable giving makes us more human, whereas hoarding risks making us less human, imprisoned by our own selfishness. We can and must go even further, and consider the structural aspects of our economic life. For this reason, in the midst of Lent this year, from 26 to 28 March, I have convened a meeting in Assisi with young economists, entrepreneurs and change-makers, with the aim of shaping a more just and inclusive economy. As the Church's magisterium has often repeated, political life represents an eminent form of charity (cf. Pius XI, *Address to the Italian Federation of Catholic*

University Students, 18 December 1927). The same holds true for economic life, which can be approached in the same evangelical spirit, the spirit of the Beatitudes.

I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God's call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him. In this way, we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world (cf. *Mt* 5:13-14).

Francis

Rome, at Saint John Lateran, 7 October 2019
Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary



Response by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to the tabling of Bill C-7: “An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)”

The Catholic Bishops of Canada wish to express the greatest concern and dismay in regards to the tabling of Bill C-7 which seeks to expand the eligibility criteria for euthanasia and assisted suicide by removing the “reasonable foreseeability of natural death” criterion currently in the Criminal Code. The bill would also loosen some of the existing “safeguards” and would even allow patients whose death is “reasonably foreseeable” to waive final consent to receiving euthanasia by making an advance directive. This means that those who change their minds at a later date, but whose ability to communicate has since been impaired, would be left to express their refusal in potentially vague “words, sounds, and gestures” (Bill C-7, 3.2.c), making it immensely difficult and highly subjective for medical practitioners and lawyers to decipher whether or not the patient still wishes to consent to the lethal procedure. Discounting the open

letter from over sixty-five of Canada's leading disability advocate organizations, and ignoring the stark apprehensions expressed in the End of Mission Statement by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities concerning the implementation of “Medical Assistance in Dying” in Canada from a disability perspective, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada regrettably chose not to appeal the Quebec Superior Court decision (*Truchon v. Procureur général du Canada*) and is now imprudently moving forward to amend the Criminal Code to accommodate the Superior Court's ruling. It is very troubling that the introduction of Bill C-7 was justified on the basis of a highly questionable, biased and rushed online survey, which took place over just two weeks between 13 and 27 January 2020. First, the questions in this survey were framed in a manner which presupposed agreement with euthanasia and assisted suicide, including its broadening, without giving Canadians who are opposed an equal voice. Second, while garnering close to 300,000 responses (less than 1% of the population), it regrettably did not ask for detailed and essential demographic data from participants (age, gender, ethnicity, disability, etc.), hence, the online survey cannot purport to

represent a “wide spectrum” of the Canadian population, as has been claimed. Third, the online survey excluded households which cannot afford the internet, and made it ever more difficult for those people living in remote northern communities, the elderly, as well as individuals with visual, cognitive, and mobility impairments to participate. Such a flawed survey cannot be used realistically to justify Bill C-7. Furthermore, the “roundtable consultations” conducted by the Government this past January and February, clearly excluded at least a number of major stakeholders, and thus fell short in engaging the public in a comprehensive democratic process. - 2 - With Bill C-7, the Government has effectively short-circuited the mandatory assessment of euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada as provided in the original Act of 17 June 2016 to amend the Criminal Code, which specifically called for “a parliamentary review of [the Act’s] provisions and of the state of palliative care in Canada to commence at the start of the fifth year following the day on which [the Act] receives Royal Assent.” The Catholic Bishops of Canada with Catholic faithful as well as innumerable other Canadians – religious or otherwise – remain opposed to euthanasia and assisted suicide in any

form because of their interest in protecting and promoting human life, because it is always wrong to take the life of an innocent person, and because medical science and compassionate care have provided effective ways of easing pain and suffering without having to resort to direct killing. It would be beneficial to recall once again the World Medical Association’s stance reaffirming its longstanding policy of opposition to euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide. As episcopal Catholic leadership in Canada, the Bishops further wish to impress upon the Government: first, given the lamentable legislative aim, that every opportunity for due diligence be taken during the parliamentary process; second, that every effort be made to understand more fully the grave implications of what is being contemplated by way of Bill C-7, including the unavoidable, negative and detrimental dangers facing those who are most vulnerable in society. For these reasons, the Bishops sincerely hope and earnestly request that the House of Commons exercises its ability to refer Bill C-7 to a committee for detailed examination before Second Reading, as is permitted according to the Standing Orders (Ch. 9 § 73), in order to allow input from expert witnesses in a manner which is fully public, transparent, and

open to a wide range of voices – religious and non-religious alike – as well as in full and prudent consideration of inviolable moral and ethical principles, the common good, and concern for future generations. The Catholic Bishops of Canada are strongly opposed to this proposed legislation and will monitor the parliamentary process closely. They call upon all Canadians to make their voices heard; they strongly urge members of Parliament to acknowledge the giftedness of life as an inalienable right not to be taken away by others, the importance of compassion for the ill and the dying, as well as our responsibility to protect the most vulnerable among us.

26 February 2020