

Lent

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 / 1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25

For my Lenten discipline I am letting the Sunday gospels suggest an area of fasting. This week we hear the story of Jesus getting angry and whaling on the money changers. It's the only time we know of that Jesus acted on his anger and this event is one of the few that is recorded in all four gospels.

MEDITATION

Apparently, his anger was difficult to ignore! John tells us that Jesus took a whip and drove out all those who were selling and buying. In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, specific mention is made of the money changers. Only Jewish coins were accepted to pay the temple tax. Jews who had Roman coins went to the money changers who were cheating by exacting a high rate of exchange.

The first reading helps us understand why Jesus was so angry. He was a good Jew and obeyed the commandments. The first commandment is, "You shall have no other gods before me." Buying and selling holy things for profit and thereby turning the temple into a marketplace is putting little gods—the god of mammon or material things—before the one, true God. In the history of our Church we have known this sin and it was one of the causes of great division. Martin Luther, then a Catholic monk, was scandalized by the selling of indulgences and called the Church to task for this practice. The Church eventually reformed, but not before the Christian community was divided.

There are many gods vying for first place in our lives. They might be obviously false gods like addiction, unconscionable plea-

sure seeking, or shopping until we drop. Or our false gods might be good things: home, family, boyfriend or girlfriend, health, work, political involvement, even parish community.

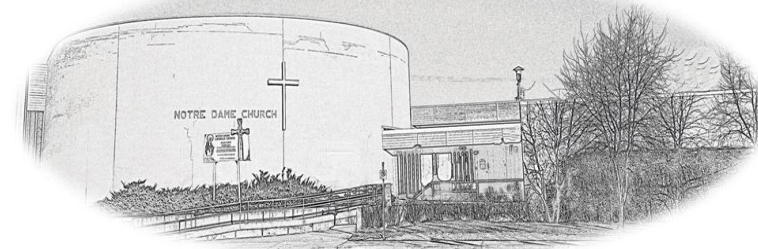
How do we know when we are simply following our God-given passion and when we are dealing with a false god? "When in doubt, check it out." Take it to honest prayer. Talk to a spiritual director or confessor. This week, let's examine our attachments and pray for the ability—and the courage—to fast from false gods.

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Saturday - 7:30pm, Sunday - 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday - 6:30pm - 7:00pm or by Appointment

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3rd Sunday of Lent March 4, 2018

Redeeming zeal

Crack open your Webster's to that little-used letter Z and you'll find this definition: *Zeal: eager interest and enthusiasm; ardent endeavor or devotion.* Wow! Sounds like something good to have, doesn't it? People who are ardent get things done; they make things happen. They're zealous! What a great word to use the next time you meet someone who's truly fired up. Hey, Charlie, you're a zealot!

Don't expect a positive reaction. Zealot has become a dirty word. Activists and missionaries are called passionate but never zealous. "Zealots" have guns and maniacal attitudes. Wait—how did such a good word get a negative image? Simple: Zeal is a scary emotion. It calls people to action, to shake up society, to reform. Frightening concepts to a world filled with the apathetic, morally sluggish and self interested. Listen to a zealot and you may find yourself rethinking opinions, reassessing your lifestyle. Zeal turns over the tables in our hearts and minds, forcing us to "clear the temple" for a fresh view. It's a powerful force for change, for good when directed by God. Let's start this week with a "risky" prayer: God make me a zealot!

Mass Intentions for the Week	
Tues	David Yee & Family
Wed	+Leonard York
Thurs	Gerard Yee & Family
Fri	Sr. Louise Vanderploeg, SSND
Sat	+Harry Ruscheinski
Sun	Intentions of Notre Dame Parish

Ministries - Mar 10, 2018	
Ex. Ord. Min. Comm	M. Abbott, G. Macarat, G. Apolonio, Jr.
Lectors	C. Kinnear, ----
Servers	Y. Becotte, S. Pekrul, Z Juell
Ushers	H. Roland, C. Hastie, L. Gerwien
Greeters	B. Figura

Ministries - Mar 11, 2018	
Ex. Ord. Min. Comm	J. Shaw, K. Mould, M. Palfy
Lectors	J. Gilbertson, T. Buller
Servers	L. Norman, N. & M. Power
Ushers	E. Rath, W. Rath, A. Palfy
Greeters	S. Willich, S. Rodeghiero

Church Cleaner: R. Briones

PARISH INFORMATION
Baptism of children: Contact the Parish Office or Sr. Connie (even prior to the birth of your child) about the process for Baptism preparation for parents & godparents.
Marriage: Couples wishing to be married in a Catholic Church should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their wedding date.
RCIA: Any persons wishing to join the Catholic faith please contact the Parish Office

Please Pray for the children preparing for 1st Eucharist/CIC: Addison Lenart, Reese Juell, Vince Amano, Gianmar Basingan, Donovan Brent, Isiah Brent, Cheska Bulan, Emily Giesbrecht, Isabel Rausse, Linden Rausse
RCIA Catechumen - Elizabeth Vetter,
Confirmation Candidates - Ashley Dimapilis, Pauline Dimapilis, Vianca Marcelo, Nicole Power, Sophia Caparros, Andy Villagrancia, Marilou Fria



- Mar 4** 3rd Sunday of Lent/1st Scrutiny
9:20am Rosary
10am Mass -
11:15am 1st Eucharist Mtg.
- Mar 5** 7pm CWL Meeting
- Mar 6** 10:15am CTW
12:10pm Mass
3pm Kids for Jesus
7pm KC Meeting
- Mar 7** 10:30am Mass - Rotary Manor
6pm Choir Practice
- Mar 8** 12:10pm Mass
7pm ND Youth Group
- Mar 9** 11am ND School Mass
7pm Stations of the Cross
- Mar 10** 11am Rosary
6:30pm Confessions
7:30pm Mass
- Mar 11** 4th Sunday of Lent/2nd Scrutiny
9:20am Rosary
10am Mass -
11:15am 1st Eucharist Mtg and
Parents Meeting
5pm Mass Syro Malabar Rite .

PARISH SICK LIST: Please pray for....
 Gerry York, Rose Palfy, Carol Dufour, Margaret Lowther, Mel Stevens, Sawyer Jeannotte, Cathie Carver, George LaJuenesse, Cory Figura, Pat Willich, Violet Thomas, Bill Thomas, Isabel Ong, Fr. Eric Swearigen, Mary Irene Redies Bernadette Redgate, Estrella Ricardo, Christine Waller (Names will be removed after 1 month unless contacted)

Are you looking for good wholesome Catholic books, bible studies, movies, programs?
 Notre Dame Parish has recently subscribed to **FORMED.org**. Anyone can log on.
 Just type notredamedc.formed.org, register with your email address & password and you will have access to books, movies, bible studies, and Parish Programs

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: The Diocese of Prince George will be hosting a Marriage Preparation weekend for couples to be held **May 4—6, 2018**. It will begin on Friday evening and conclude on Sunday early afternoon.
More details to follow. Please mark your calendar.

Online registration will be available soon. For more information by phone at (250) 964-4424 (ext. 2203) or email jgarden@pgdiocese.bc.ca

DYC 2018: IN THE BEGINNING IS COMING APRIL 20-22:

REGISTRATION IS NOW LIVE at
<http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/youth/registration-2018-dyc/>

The Youth Ministry of the diocese is bringing back **Face to Face** Ministries. **Mike Landry** from Edmonton will be the keynote speaker.

REGISTER TODAY:

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



Stations of the Cross

7:00pm

MARCH 9 - LED BY ND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

MARCH 16 - LED BY DEVELOPMENT & PEACE/ND CHOIR

MARCH 23 - LED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Hospital or Home Visits

Please let the parish office know if a friend or family member is in hospital or needs a home visit

The Catholic Health Association of BC will be awarding **ONE BURSARY valued at \$500** (instead of two \$250, as previously stated) to a 2018 graduating student who is enrolled in a Catholic secondary school, or who is a member of a BC or Yukon parish and enrolled in a public secondary school, or who is home-schooled. For further details, please refer to the poster on display in the vestibule of the church or check the CHABC website at www.chabc.bc.ca under News and Events, or download <https://www.chabc.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/REVISED-CHABC-Bursary-for-2018-Graduates.pdf>.

LENTEN RETREAT

March 14 & 15

Bishop Emeritus Gerry Wiesner, O.M.I.

Time: 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Defending the rights of poor communities fractured by forced evictions in Nigeria

In Nigeria, forced evictions are carried out violently, without consulting those concerned, as well as without warning, compensation, or providing alternative housing.

Thanks to your support, the Social and Economic Rights Action Centre, a Development and Peace partner, can train community leaders who then work with some of the most marginalized communities so they can engage in effective dialogue with the government. This year, we invite you to join Development and Peace's monthly giving program Share Year-Round.

2017/2018 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving.

Our Parish Goal: \$30,306

Monies Raised to date: \$24,124

Welcome to our Diocese
Fr. James Justin Dhiraviamrudayasami, SAC.
new Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Terrace.