

# Lent

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21

*For my Lenten discipline I am letting the Sunday gospels suggest an area of fasting. Today's message is very serious. The first reading from the Book of Chronicles recounts the many prophets God sent to the Chosen People; prophets who warned the people of their misdeeds and of what would happen if they didn't heed the Lord. Jesus identifies himself as the ultimate prophet, the One whom God has sent to save all people.*

## MEDITATION

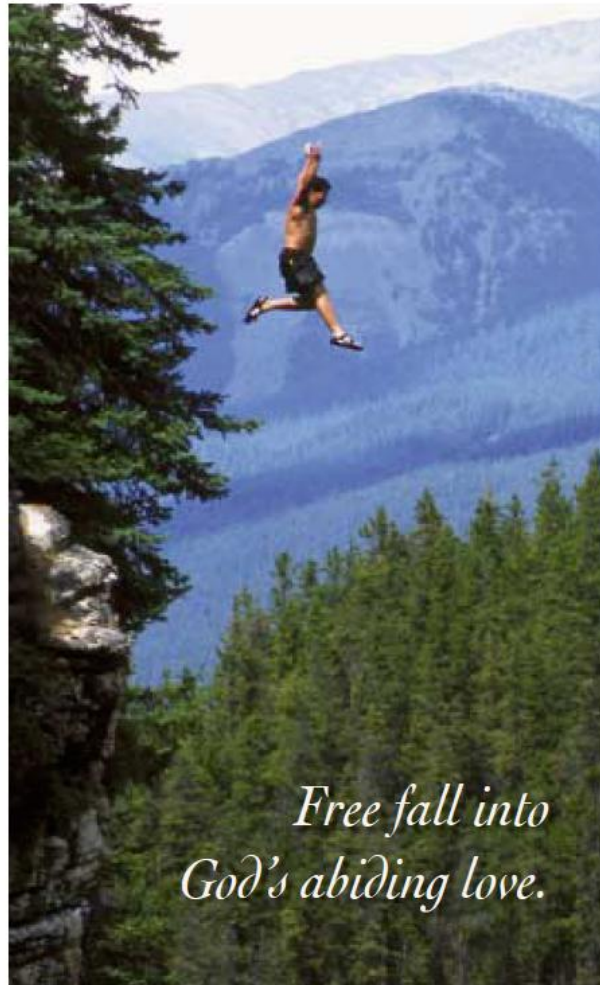
Will we listen to Jesus? Or will we reject him as the prophets were rejected?

"[T]he light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light." This is God's lament. It is the lament of every loving parent of a wayward child; every spouse or friend of one who is bent on self-destruction. There is so much good, so much beauty, such abundance, such potential, so many possibilities and yet...some wallow in darkness. If we love them, we can only hope and pray that they find their way into the light. If we are such a person, we can pray for mercy and guidance. Or, if we can't manage such a prayer—and for some the darkness is too great—there is one thing we can do.

Earlier in this passage, John gives us the key, the way out, the secret to living in the light and turning our back on the darkness. "For God so loved the world..." We can rest in God's love. We can claim it, believe it, rely on it, trust it. How do we dare believe that God knows us through and through and still loves us passionately and without reservation? C.S. Lewis said that believing is like diving. To dive from a high place into a deep pool, one must really just stop doing something. To dive we must stop clinging to the safety of our perch.

This week, shall we fast from holding on to solid ground and allow ourselves to free fall into God's abiding love? Nothing else will seem scary after this.

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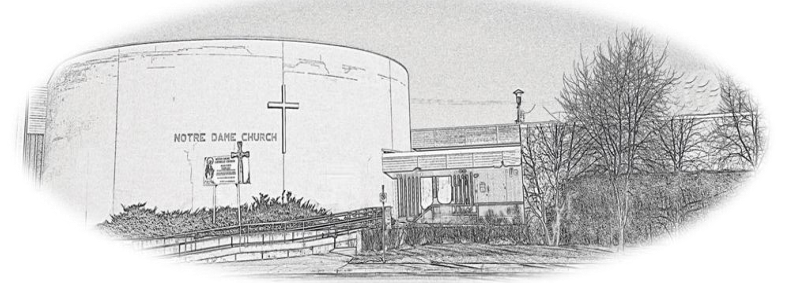


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Saturday - 7:30pm, Sunday - 10:00am

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

## PARISH STAFF

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## 4th Sunday of Lent March 11, 2018 Garbage in, garbage out

Ok, it's just a bit of trendy techno jargon, but there's deeper truth in that cliché. What a machine puts out directly reflects the quality of what's been put inside. If you fill a computer with corrupt data, all the work the machine does will reflect that corruption. And even putting in an equal amount of good data won't cure the problem. The bad data needs to be deleted, eradicated from the system. Then you'll finally get good output.

You can't get a better parallel for the Christian life. Every deed, every action we take brings us a step closer to the light or further into the shadows. If we take in love and compassion, that light will shine in every word we speak. But if we immerse our minds in darkness, embracing anger or prejudice, we corrupt our spirits and that corruption will spill out in all our actions. Garbage in, garbage out. Stop and consider your actions this week— are you outputting good or evil? Jesus said "whoever lives the truth comes to the light so that his works make be clearly seen as done in God." Let's pray this week that we will recognize the darkness in our lives and ask God's help in deleting it. Then we'll be ready to output some seriously "good data": God's love.

Mass Intentions for the Week	
Tues	Funeral Mass - M. Kulachkosky
Wed	+Tina Martineau
Thurs	+Holly Jeannotte
Fri	+John Sajtovich
Sat	+Marvin Phillips
Sun	Intentions of Notre Dame Parish

Ministries - Mar 17, 2018	
Ex. Ord. Min. Comm	A. & J. Reschny, D. Blocka
Lectors	W. Giesbrecht, G. Macarat
Servers	G. Apolonio, Jr., L. & T. Skin
Ushers	K. & D. Blocka, R. Roy
Greeters	H. Roland
Ministries - Mar 18, 2018	
Ex. Ord. Min. Comm	CWL
Lectors	CWL
Servers	Y. Becotte, R. Lawrence, S. Amano
Ushers	CWL
Greeters	CWL

Church Cleaner: **G. Stanek**

**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 Villagracia, Marilou Fria



- 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
- Mar 13** 10:15am CTW  
2pm Funeral Mass for Mary Kulachkosky  
6pm Choir Practice  
7pm ND Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.
- Mar 14** 10:30am Mass - Rotary Manor  
7pm Lenten Retreat - Bishop Wiesner, OMI
- Mar 15** 12:10pm Mass  
7pm ND Youth Group  
7pm Lenten Retreat - Bishop Wiesner, OMI
- Mar 16** 10 - 10:20am Confession  
10:30am Seniors' Mass & Luncheon  
7pm Stations of the Cross
- Mar 17** St. Patrick's Day  
11am Rosary  
6:30pm Confessions  
7:30pm Mass
- Mar 18** Share Lent Sunday/3rd Scrutiny  
9:20am Rosary  
10am Mass -  
11:15am CWL Soup n' Bun - proceeds going to Cath. Missions in Canada

**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, Tracey Lee Woodcox (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](mailto: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.



**SENIORS' MASS & LUNCHEON**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 16 AT 10:30AM**

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

**LENTEN RETREAT**  
 March 14 & 15  
 Bishop Emeritus Gerald Wiesner, O.M.I.  
 Time: 7pm  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

**A school of community leaders in Peru**  
 For the fourth week of Lent, let's go to Peru and discover one of Development and Peace's partners, the Bartolomé de Las Casas Institute! It runs the Hugo Echegaray leadership school, where students strengthen their capacity for dialogue, consensus, participation, and consultation in order to exercise ethical and responsible civic leadership in their communities. The Solidarity Sunday collection will be celebrated in all Canadian parishes next week. We will appeal to your generosity in support of our sisters and brothers in the Global South who fight every day for peace, human dignity, and social justice.

**Stations of the Cross**  
**7:00pm**  
**MARCH 16 - LED BY DEVELOPMENT & PEACE/ND CHOIR**  
**MARCH 23 - LED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**2017/2018 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**  
**Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving.**  
 Our Parish Goal: \$30,306  
 Monies Raised to date: \$24,624 this is 81.25% of our Parish Goal

**ND YOUTH GROUP - MOVIE & POPCORN NIGHT, MARCH 22, 6:30PM AT THE HOME OF SCOTT & BETHANY MOELKER. FOR MORE INFO PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE AT 250-782-3456**

**Chrism Mass, Mar. 20, Sacred Heart Cathedral, P.G. at 7pm.**