

# SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

## Sacramental Preparation Catechetical Year 2018-2019

Sacraments are vital expressions of who we are as Catholic Christians. Each time we receive a sacrament we respond in a deeper way to Jesus' call to discipleship. Since sacraments are so important to us, we take them very seriously and prepare to receive them thoughtfully and thoroughly. All sacraments are community events, and this is reflected in the preparation and celebration of the sacraments.

## The Role of the Family in the Sacramental Preparation of Children:

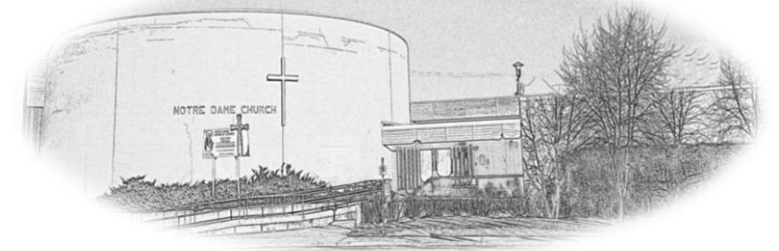
In this parish, we are committed to the idea that taking an active part in a child's spiritual formation is the right and dignity of Christian parents. Parents are the "first teachers" of their children in the vision and practice of the Christian way of life. It is in the home that children primarily experience and come to know about God. When children experience the loving care of their family members, when they are challenged to be the best people that they can be by their parents, and when they witness a family's unceasing striving for healing and reconciliation, then children really learn about who God is. Parents are, whether they realize it or not, the "sacrament" of God's presence to their children.

Therefore, in all of our sacramental preparation programs, we attempt to nurture a strong partnership between families and our parish community. Parents are encouraged to take on their central role. The parish and the parish catechists assist parents in this task. The parish provides the immediate preparation for all sacraments; and so we strongly encourage parents to enrol their children in our Sacramental Preparation Program on or before August 30 2018.

Please make sure to phone the parish office and book an appointment with Fr. Vener for an interview before registering for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation - both father and mother are required to be present at the interview.

# Notre Dame

Parish



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Mass Times: Tuesday & Thursday - 12:10pm, Wednesday & Friday - See Bulletin

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

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

### PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Venerando Sabacan, Pastoral Asst: Sr. Connie Harkin, SSND

Secretary: Pauline Bates

### SCHOOL STAFF

Principal: Mrs. Terri Haynal, Secretary: Tina Bridal

Phone No: (250) 782-4923

## *Pentecost Sunday*

### *May 19, 2018*

#### **Big shoes to fill**

Many a parent's heart has filled with delight when a tiny figure clomps into the living room wearing oversized adult shoes. How adorable! We're simultaneously amused and alarmed at this reminder that our children will all too soon face the harsh adult world. And our alarm grows at the sight of unwavering trust in those same small faces. Parenting is an awesome task and most of us feel not quite big enough to fill the shoes we're already wearing.

The same doubt troubles our Christian life. Jesus left us all shoes a few sizes too big. Every day on earth He walked in mercy, love and peace, bringing healing and joy to all He met. Big shoes to fill indeed. Yet help is there just a prayer away. Our loving Parent will joyously help us grow into that extra-large spiritual footwear. Remember when Jesus said: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you", He also empowered the disciples with the Holy Spirit. And that same Spirit will be there for us today, teaching us, growing us up in the faith until we can walk steadily in Jesus' footsteps. Ready for a new pair of shoes? Slip 'em on, start praying and get walking.

Mass Intentions for the Week	
Tues	Annette Parsons
Wed	Richard & Carol Dufour
Thurs	Nancy & Saney Daly
Fri	Agnes O'Donnell
Sat	+ Daryl Becotte
Sun	Intentions of Notre Dame Parish

Ministries - May 26, 2018 - 7:30pm	
Ex. Ord. Min. Comm	B. Figura B. Phillips, J. Reschny
Lectors	C. Kinnear, A. Reschny
Servers	G. Apolonio, T & L Skin
Ushers	N & R Roy, C. Hastie
Greeters	I. Franke
Ministries - May 27, 2018 - 10am	
Ex. Ord. Min. Comm	KC
Lectors	KC
Servers	KC
Ushers	KC
Greeters	KC

Church Foyer 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

As the Father has sent me, so I send you  
Receive the Holy Spirit.  
John 20.19-23



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- May 20 Pentecost Sunday  
9:20am Rosary  
10am Mass
- May 22 10:15am CTW  
12:10pm Mass
- May 23 10:30am Mass @ Rotary Manor  
6pm Choir Prac.
- May 24 12:10 Mass  
7pm ND Youth Group/Adoration & Benediction
- May 25 12:10 Mass  
5:00pm - Vocations Evening for ages 13 and up
- May 26 11am Rosary  
6:30pm Confessions  
7:30pm Mass
- May 27 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity  
9:20am Rosary  
10am Mass  
11:15 am KC Coffee Sunday

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



### CWL News Catholic Women's League Dessert Meeting

The Catholic Women's League will be having their last meeting before the summer on June 4 at 6:30 pm at the home of Roland & Carol Handfield(1709 -88 Ave). **ALL women** of the Parish are invited to come out and indulge in good company and delicious desserts. See You There!

### A great big loving MAY GOD REWARD YOU

*to all who made my farewell  
to Notre Dame Parish and School  
so memorable.*

*I will treasure my days ..... and years  
with all of you.*

*And you will be in my prayers when we  
visit those sacred spaces and in the days  
ahead.*

*Oremus pro invicem - Let us pray for one  
another.*

*Love from Sister Connie Harkin SSND*

### REGISTER TODAY FOR THE CAMP THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE.



### IGNITE BC: Diocese of Prince George

**DATE:** August 19 - 24, 2018

**WHERE:** Camp Morice

**COST:** \$320/per person

**REGISTER AT:** <https://f2f.ca/ignite/>

Calling all young people all across BC going into Gr. 9 this fall, and all those graduating Gr. 12!

IGNITE is a week long, retreat style camp geared towards: instilling in each and every young person a deep love for the Catholic faith, providing an opportunity to ENCOUNTER Jesus Christ in life-changing ways, and raising up amazing saints of holiness and boldness for this generation.

Early bird registration starts on May 31,  
2018 for the cost of \$320.

### HELP WANTED - CARETAKER - CAMP EMILE

Camp Emile has a full time caretaker position available, commencing June 15. This is a year round position.  
The camp has a 2 bedroom caretaker house - content insurance and some utilities included.

Duties include but not limited to:

rental bookings & collection of rental money, bank deposits, maintenance of yard and buildings, ordering of water & propane, attend 3-4 meetings per year.

The stipend is \$300.00/month.

Successful candidate is required to complete a Criminal Record Check and a Safe Parish Program

Resumes may be submitted to:

olpchetwynd@gmail.com

or dropped off to Fr. Rene or Jane Spent in Chet;

Reg Whiten in Moberly Lake;

Fr. Louis, John French or Tony Jeffries in FSJ;

Fr. Vener, Doug Becotte, Rodger Sarauer or

Vivian Friesen in DC.



### Fr. Tom Shymko

Born October 8, 1945

Grandview, MB

Ordained June 23, 2000

Died May 11, 2018

Prince George, BC

*Well done, good and faithful servant!  
Enter into the joy of your Master.*

*Matthew 25:23*