

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:

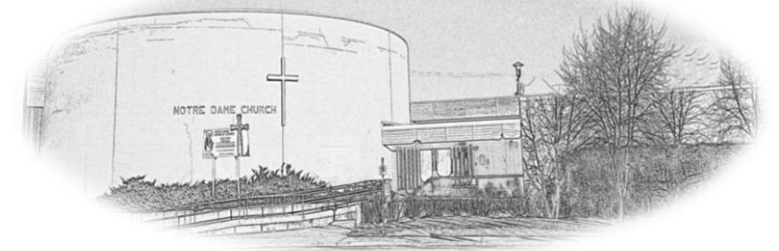
In this parish, we are committed to the idea that taking an active part in a child's spiritual formation is the right and dignity of Christian parents. Parents are the "first teachers" of their children in the vision and practice of the Christian way of life. It is in the home that children primarily 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

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Nativity of Saint John The Baptist - June 24, 2018

Great Expectations

Parenthood is one of God's greatest gifts. When a loved one is "expecting", we spend nine months planning and dreaming of the child's future. Friends and strangers alike are regaled with tales of our hopes, our vision for the new arrival. We have great expectations and joy is sharing them, especially if the child has been long awaited.

Zechariah spent his nine months of expectation in total silence, struck mute when he doubted the angel Gabriel's announcement. In silencing Zechariah's unbelief, God allowed the miracle of faith to grow wordlessly, treasured deep in Zechariah's heart. Then as Zechariah wrote the words "He will be called John", his tongue and heart poured out what God had taught him during that "great expectation". Zechariah's doubt had become a faith filled witness for the world. May today's gospel remind us of God's power to work through both our faith and our doubt, pondering in the stillness of our hearts the great expectations He has for us, His children.



There will be no scheduled ministries until September.

Please drop in to the sacristy on the weekends to volunteer.

THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN FOR JULY AND AUGUST

Rose Prince Lejac Annual Pilgrimage July 6, 7 & 8, 2018, Fraser Lake, BC

For more information contact Father Vincent James, OMI at St. Andrew's Parish, Fraser Lake (250)699-6593 or check the poster on the bulletin board in the church lobby for the schedule and information.



PARISH SICK LIST: Please pray for... Gerry York, Rose Palfy, Carol Dufour, Margaret Lowther, Sawyer Jeannotte, Cathie Carver, George LaJeunesse, 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, Ray Richardson, Helen Bumstead, Joan Desmarais (Names will be removed after 1 month unless contacted)

Congratulations to Ben Blocka on receiving the Knights of Columbus/Catholic Women's League Bursary this year. Well done Ben!



TEACHERS NEEDED

Notre Dame School is hiring teachers for Kindergarten to Grade 7 for the 2018/2019 school year.

Successful candidates will receive: - \$5,000 signing bonus with condition they commit to 1 yr - \$2,000 relocation/moving allowance (must have receipts)

For more info please contact Terri Haynal at: 250-782-4923 or email: notredame@cispg.ca



CWL News

All CWL members are encouraged to participate in the planning process for the restructuring of the CWL. Please go to: www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWLPLAN to complete an online survey.

Don't forget to check out the latest newsletters for CWL Provincial news and pictures at: www.bcyukoncwl.com

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by, and as always we could not have done it without volunteers. With great appreciation to all those who volunteer for the different ministries in the church, from preparing for the liturgies, vacuuming the foyer, planting and watering the flowers, lawn mowing, preparing and serving the Seniors' Luncheons, the choir - THANK YOU! We appreciate all you have done for our faith family.



Church Events This Week

- June 24 9:20am - Rosary 10:00am - Mass
June 26 12:10pm - Mass
June 27 10:30am - Mass @ Rotary Manor 6:00pm - Choir Prac.
June 28 9:00am - Notre Dame Grade 7 Graduation Mass
June 29 12:10pm - Mass
June 30 10:00am - Stations of Cross followed by Rosary 6:30pm - Confessions 7:30pm - Mass
July 1 9:20am - Rosary 10:00am - Mass



- Tuesday Amanda Tom
Wednesday Sr. Connie Harkin, SSND
Thursday + Lawrence Pickett
Friday + Kevin Umrah
Saturday + Estefania Mamaril
Sunday Intentions of Notre Dame Parish



Join Us this Summer

Kids for Jesus will once again be hosting a Vacation Bible school on July 23, 24 and 25 from 9:00am - Noon each day.

Children aged 5-11 are welcome to attend. Children under the age of 5 may attend with an adult. Older children are welcome to come and help with the younger ones.

Any extra helpers would be greatly appreciated!

Registration forms will be available after weekend masses or from the parish office.

Due to our space and number of volunteers, there are a limited number of spots available.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish office at 250-782-3456.



to all who helped and participated with the Father's Day Picnic last Sunday and especially the KC's for all the set up and take down, cooking, etc.. A good time was had by all.



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER EVERYONE, TRAVEL SAFELY AND DON'T FORGET TO GO TO CHURCH!