

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated January 18 to 25. Inaugurated in 1908, the event is now celebrated around the world on an annual basis.

The theme for this year is “Do good, seek justice” (Isaiah 1:7). The materials for prayer and reflection have been prepared by the Minnesota Council of Churches (USA), in the aftermath of the 2020 extrajudicial killing of George Floyd and the trial of the police officer responsible. As local Christian communities sought to respond to the anguish of these events, they also recognized their own historical complicity in perpetuating racial injustice. Inasmuch as the Church is summoned to be the sign and instrument of the unity God desires for the whole of His creation (cf. *Lumen gentium*, 1), the continued divisions between Christians constitute a scandal: we are thus called to repent of our disunity and work together for reconciliation among all peoples.

The Vatican’s Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity – previously named the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity – and the Canadian Council of Churches (CCC) have uploaded resources to aid the faithful in participating in this act of solidarity:

- Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity resources:  
<http://www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/en/news/2022/semaine-de-priere-pour-l-unite-des-chretiens-2023.html>
- CCC resources: <https://www.weekofprayer.ca/2023-wpcu-resources>

As the universal Catholic Church is summoned by Pope Francis to a new evangelization, through the 2023-24 Synod on Synodality, both ecumenism and interreligious dialogue are receiving renewed prominence. Hence the *vademecum* for the Synod, the “Official Handbook for Listening and Discernment in Local Churches,” proclaims: “The dialogue between Christians of different confessions, united by one baptism, has a special place in the synodal journey.”

**About the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops**

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) is the national assembly of the Bishops of Canada. It was founded in 1943 and officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948.



908 - 104 Avenue, Dawson Creek, B.C. V1G 2H7

Telephone: (250) 782-3456

Web Site: <https://notredamedc.ca> Email: [nddc@shaw.ca](mailto:nddc@shaw.ca)

<b><u>Office Hours</u></b>	Tuesday – Friday – 9:00am – 12:00pm; 1:00pm – 4:00pm	
<b><u>Mass Times</u></b>	Weekdays:	11:00 AM (Tuesdays – Fridays)
	Saturday:	7:30 PM
	Sunday:	10:00 AM
<b><u>Reconciliation</u></b> <b><u>Pastor</u></b>	Saturday: 6:30 – 7:00 pm or by appointment	
	Fr. Venerando Sabacan Secretary/Bookkeeper – Martha Cabigas	
<b><u>N.D. Principal</u></b>	Mrs. Colleen Richard	Notre Dame School - (250) 782-4923
	Secretary – Gen Cabrera	

*January 22, 2023*

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Church events this week

Tuesday, January 24 4:00 PM PFC Meeting  
 Wednesday, January 25 3:15 PM Sacramental  
 Preparation Class

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

**Tues, Jan 24 11:00 AM Mass**  
 George Cullen +  
**Wed, Jan 25 11:00 AM Mass**  
 Special Intention  
**Thurs, Jan 26 11:00 AM Mass**  
 Mercedes Dufour  
**Fri, Jan 27 11:00 AM Mass**  
 Edgardo de Castro +  
**Sat, Jan 28 7:30 PM Mass**  
 Benefactors of Notre Dame  
 Parish  
 Zacchaeus Knyll Cabigas +  
**Sun, Jan 29 10:00 AM Mass**  
 Intentions of Notre Dame  
 Parishioner

## Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

The goal for Notre Dame  
 Parish this year is **\$18,267**.  
 Monies donated to date is  
**\$16,580** or a total  
 percentage of **90.76%**.  
 Thank you to those who  
 have pledged already.



Notre Dame Parish is offering E-Transfers for Parishioners to use for their weekly donations. If this is an option that you are interested in, please follow these instructions:

1. Add Recipient – Notre Dame Parish, DC
2. Email Address – [nddcaccounting@shaw.ca](mailto:nddcaccounting@shaw.ca)
3. Message – example: donation, or special collection, Haiti Sponsorship or Projects, Corporal works, etc.
4. Parishioners are reminded that they DO NOT NEED a security question because the donation is automatically deposited into the designated parish account.



Hunger has no schedule  
 or day off. Please  
 remember our less  
 fortunate brothers and  
 sisters with donations  
 for the Food Banks.



Please pray for all the sick and suffering especially: Ray Richardson, Jeane Braz, Maisie Mineault, Fran Papp, Barbara Harrold, Cheryl Shuman, Nill Prado, Oscar Prado, Laurence Prado, Carol Dufour, Callie Ann Mullen, Barbara Frost. Contact the parish office if you would like to add your name or the name of your loved one to the list. Make sure that you have the person's permission to put their name on the Parish Sick List.

**FORMED**  
 Welcome to FORMED  
 Here's how you get started

**FORMED**, a revolutionary tool to help your parishioners understand, live, and share our Catholic faith.

1. Subscribe at:  
 - <https://signup.formed.org/>  
 - Enter your parish name or postal code  
 - Enter your name and email



Notre Dame Parish has an account at the **Bottle Depot**. If you would like to donate your bottles to the Parish just bring them up to the depot and tell the clerk, you would like the proceeds to go to "NOTRE DAME PARISH" and they will credit that account. Thank You! All monies raised will go to the **"Building Fund"**.



### Catholic Women's League

The annual membership fees for 2023 is **\$50.00**. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to CWL.

### A Reason to Talk About the CWL!

#### ADVOCACY

Catholic Women's League members educate themselves on how to make their voices heard by government and work together to address social justice issues. Join us. Be an advocate and let your voice be heard.

### 2022/23 Budget

Yearly Expenses for Notre Dame Parish  
**\$180,300**  
 Weekly Collection Needed to cover expenses  
**\$3,467.00**  
 Envelopes – \$2,341  
 Loose - \$405  
 Total Collection for the Week: **\$2,746**.  
 Thank you for your generosity!

### Reminder for Sunday Mass Collection Envelopes

There are:

#### 52 Sunday Collections

#### 11 Special Collections

- January 1st – New Year
- February 12th – Catholic Missions Canada
- February 22nd – Ash Wednesday
- March 26th – Share Lent (D&P)
- April 6th – Holy Thursday
- April 7th – Good Friday
- May 21st – The Pope's Pastoral Works
- June 4th – Notre Dame School
- October 22nd – World Mission Sunday
- November 12th – Needs of the Canadian Church
- December 25th – Christmas
- 12 Building Fund Collections**
- 4 Corporal Works of Mercy Collections**

### FAITH STUDY PROGRAMS

Symbolon will be starting up again this year. It will be once a month – every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7:00pm at the church.