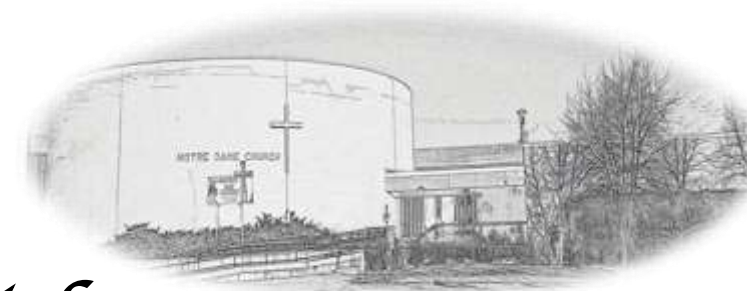


March 17th, 2019 – Second Sunday of Lent Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Imagine what we could accomplish... Each year, our Lenten Gospel journey begins with talking about the forty days of preparation (see last week's Gospel). We then confirm Christ's divinity and anticipate what is to come in Jerusalem. The transfiguration confirms that Christ will be the fulfillment of all scripture. Jesus meets with both Moses (the giver of the law) and Elijah (the great prophet who proclaimed the One true God) on the mountain. There is a foretaste of the Glory of God's Kingdom in Jesus' shining face and dazzling white garment. We hear a reaffirmation of Jesus' true identity when the voice from the cloud says, "This is my Son, Listen to him." We can see ourselves in the actions of the disciples: as they go up the mountain (to a place of revelation); when they fall asleep at a key moment (at Gethsemane before Jesus is arrested); and when they fail to grasp the importance of what happened when they were on the mountain (Not knowing what he is saying, Peter suggests setting up three tents for Jesus, Elijah and Moses. According to Mark and Matthew, he then discusses Elijah on the way down the hill, despite having just witnessed God's glory in Jesus himself). In Luke's account, we hear a detail not included in Mark or Matthew's versions: that Jesus, Moses and Elijah were in discussion about what Jesus was to 'accomplish' in Jerusalem. Not what would happen to him, nor what he would endure, but what he would accomplish. Jesus needed courage to come down from the mountain and face what was next: suspicion, persecution, torture and finally death. He knew he had to do this to defeat death on our behalf. Echoing his example, we are called to go forth from the safety of our Sunday celebrations and to live with courageous love in the world. We are called to face our daily tasks with great love, to see our sisters and brothers with great compassion, and to accomplish the work of building the community Christ envisioned. To do this requires not just acts of charity (such as feeding the hungry and comforting the afflicted), but also works of justice (building a re-ordered society to serve the common good; placing the wellbeing of people above profit). It requires that we awaken to the impact of scripture and to the call of Christ's in our current environment. It requires that we look not at what it will cost us, but at what we will accomplish in the service of God. If we reflect on the journey of forced migrants, we can see connections to our own lives. For instance, Development and Peace's partner Social Action is seeking reparation and justice for the Umuechem community. In 1990, the residents of Umuechem engaged in a peaceful march calling for fair compensation from an oil company that had been exploiting oil on their land for 30 years. The march was met with violence from police forces that led to more than 300 deaths and destroyed nearly 500 homes. (Watch a testimonial video here.) The human cost of resource extraction in this case calls us to question the cost of our own lifestyles on the Earth and the poor. To live justly requires that we reduce our footprint on the Earth; that we seek goods that are sourced in environmentally and socially responsible ways; that we acknowledge the face of those who have been hurt; and, that we ensure their wellbeing. It may cost us convenience and require that we live a simpler lifestyle. Yet we must do this to ensure our sisters and brothers are able to thrive as we build the Kingdom of God.

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March 17th, 2019

2nd Sunday of Lent

PLAYING YOUR PART

When we talk about the Transfiguration, naturally we focus on Jesus and how He was revealed in glory with Moses and Elijah. Jesus is the star of this drama with Peter, James and John merely there as an audience. But wait! Let's not underestimate the value of an audience.

If an event has no witnesses who will tell the story afterwards? Yes, participants can tell their own tales, but the tales have less credibility. We want an outside objective witness to confirm the story really happened, which makes the audience as crucial as the leading role. Not only that, as Christians everything we do is part of something bigger than ourselves. We act our part in a play written by the Supreme Director. How can we judge whether we're cast as a lead or merely an extra? The important thing is that we show up, willing to play any part He offers us. Sometimes we'll have lots of lines and sometimes we'll be off in the wings, but either way the scene will reveal His glory if we just keep our eyes open. If you've been feeling like a bit player lately, pick your script back up and trust the Director. The very next scene He has planned may be your shining moment.

Mass Intentions for the Week	
Tuesday	+ Marvin Phillips
Wednesday	+ Margaret Kennedy
Thursday	Sharon Spencer
Friday	Edmund & Martha Cheong & Family
Saturday	Dixie Kotylak
Sunday	Intentions of Notre Dame Parish

Ministries – Mar 23, 2019 - 7:30pm	
Ex. Ord. Min. Comm	P. Bates, J. Blaskovits, Y. Becotte
Lectors	R. Blaskovits, A. Reschny
Servers	G. Stanek, T. & L. Skin
Ushers	D.Becotte, L. Gerwien, C. Hastie
Greeters	I. Franke
Ministries – Mar 24, 2019 - 10am	
Ex. Ord. Min. Comm	K. Mould, A. Parsons, M. Palfy
Lectors	L. Arndt, R. St. Pierre
Servers	L. Norman, T. & M. Williams
Ushers	E. Rath, W.Rath, A. Palfy
Greeters	C.Richard, L. Phillips

Children's Liturgy: Leanne
Church Foyer Cleaner: L. Judge

Baptism of children: Contact the Parish Office (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



Mar 17 2nd Sunday of Lent
 9:20am Rosary
 10am Mass
 11:15 - CWL Coffee & Goodies



Mar 18 7pm ND Youth Group

Mar 19 10:20am - CTW Bible Study
 12:10pm - Mass

Mar 20 10:30am Mass - Rotary Manor
 6pm Choir Practice

Mar 21 12:10pm - Mass
 7:30pm – Symbolon Faith Study

Mar 22 12:10pm - Mass
 7pm Stations of the Cross

Mar 23 10am Divine Mercy Stat. of the Cross and Rosary
 6:30pm - 7pm Reconciliation
 7:30pm Mass

Mar 24 3rd Sunday of Lent
 9:20am Rosary
 10am Mass

PARISH SICK LIST: Please pray for....
 Gerry York, Rose Palfy, Carol Dufour, Margaret Lowther, Cathie Carver, George LaJeunesse, Violet Thomas, Bill Thomas, Isabel Ong, Fr. Eric Swearigen, Mary Irene Redies, Bernadette Redgate, Christine Waller, Tracey Lee Woodcox, Melina Hamilton, Vicki York, Mel Palfy, Jane Spent, Ray Richardson, Laureen Harrold, Jerome Reschny, Fran Papp, Graham Carson, Anne Franke, Sandra Hoisington, Mieczyslaw(Matt) Smusz, Jeannine Tanasichuk, Cheryl McLeod
 (Names will be removed after 1 month unless contacted)



STATIONS of the CROSS

On Fridays at 7:00 pm at the church – come join us.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS-

Prince George Diocese

Teacher Positions – Continuing and Limited Duration

Details of these positions and application process can be found at:

<http://cispg.ca/cispg/career>



2019 Annual Diocesan Youth Conference – “Called”
 May 3 – 5, 2019

Featuring Katie Prejean McGrady and Face2Face Ministries

Keep in your prayers the children preparing for their 1st Holy Communion & Confirmation

Save the Date! **June 2, 2019**---Notre Dame School Diamond Jubilee Celebration & Fundraiser, Tickets: \$35/each. All Proceeds go towards for Playground equipment. Donations of items for a “Silent Auction” would be much appreciated. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm, Doors will open at 4:45pm.

NOTRE DAME & FRIENDS “SPRING FLING”

KOFC INAUGURAL BURSARY FUND RAISING EVENT

WHEN: SUNDAY, APRIL 7 FROM 5:00 – 9:00 PM

WHERE: NOTRE DAME SCHOOL GYM

RESERVATIONS: SEATS ARE LIMITED & ARE VIA DONATION

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE OR A MEMBER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR A RESERVATION

COME OUT AND ENJOY AN ENTICING INTERNATIONAL POT-LUCK, DOOR PRIZES, GAMES, CONTESTS, GREAT MUSIC, DANCING



Share the journey with members of the Umuechem community in Nigeria

In 1990, a peaceful community in the south of Nigeria became the victim of what has been recognized as the first crime committed by oil company. Traumatized by a massacre of unparalleled violence, a large majority of the members of this community fled to neighbouring communities, never to return home again. To make sure that their story is never forgotten and to combat impunity, Development and Peace's partner Social Action is supporting the Umuechem community in their legal action against the oil company.

Discover the story of people forced to flee their homes and ways for each one of us to act in solidarity with them: devp.org/lent

