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**CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION**

9504 - 100th Avenue, Fort St. John, BC V1J 1X7

*February 15, 2026 — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Bishop:** Most Rev. Stephen Jensen

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Chris Lynch

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**P A R I S H O F F I C E I N F O R M A T I O N**



**Office Hours:** Monday to Friday | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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**Secretary:** Bernadette Antonio

**M A S S E S F O R T H E W E E K**

<b>TUE</b>	<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	Jason Nazareno+
<b>WED</b>	<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Fr. Albert Sterzer+
<b>THU</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	Sammanasu Mary+
<b>FRI</b>	<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Justo Toledo Jr.
<b>SAT</b>	<b>Feb 21</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>	Kelly Yendrys+
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Church of the Resurrection Parish



*You can book Masses at the parish office.*

**S A C R A M E N T S**

**Marriage:** Contact the Pastor 6 months before the Wedding.

**Baptism:** Contact Betty Dvorak at the Parish Office Tues.-Fri. **\*NOTE: Baptisms are not encouraged during Lent.**

**Funeral:** Contact the Funeral Home then the Parish Office.

**Visit/Prayer for the Sick:** Contact the Parish Office.

**Reconciliation (Confession):** The priest will hear confession on every Saturday (in the church) from 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM. or 20 min. before any of the Masses.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Contact Fr. Chris at 250-785-3413.

## WHAT IS LENT?

**LENT**, the solemn 40-day period before Easter, holds profound significance in the Catholic Church and other Christian traditions. Starting on **Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** this year, and concluding on **Holy Thursday**, it is a season of penitence and preparation. Throughout Lent Catholics engage in the spiritual disciplines of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. These practices serve to deepen our connection with God, our awareness of Jesus' sacrificial love, and to prepare our hearts and minds for the Paschal Mystery—the journey of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. Lent is an invitation to reflect, repent, and renew one's commitment to living a life of faith, ultimately leading to the joyful celebration of Easter.

### Traditional Lenten Practices

There are many ways to live our Catholic faith during the Lenten season! Many people make personal sacrifices and **give something up for the entire forty-day period**, symbolizing self-discipline and reliance on God's grace. Some engage in acts of service to emulate Jesus' love and compassion towards others.

And there are many practices and traditions that take place at the local church! The **Stations of the Cross** is a revered tradition where Catholics pray and reflect on the journey of Jesus' Passion and death. Many abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent. These practices encourage spiritual growth, deepen faith, and prepare hearts for the celebration of Easter.

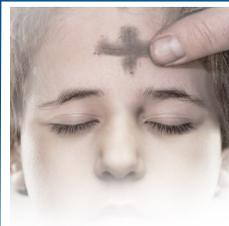
### The Significance of Lenten Colors

The color purple holds significant symbolism throughout the Lenten season. It recalls the robe that Pontius Pilate placed on Jesus before His crucifixion, serving as a reminder of Christ's suffering and sacrifice. Purple is also traditionally associated with royalty, signifying Jesus as our eternal King.

On **Palm Sunday**, the color red is prominently featured in the vestments worn by priests. This foreshadows Jesus' death on the cross, emphasizing the solemnity and sacrifice of his journey. Red is also the color worn on **Good Friday**, further emphasizing the profound significance of the crucifixion.

In contrast the color white takes center stage on **Holy Thursday** and **Easter Sunday**. White represents joy and purity, symbolizing the triumph of Jesus' resurrection and the new life found in him. It serves as a visual reminder of the hope and rejoicing that accompany these significant days.

The colors used during Lent enhance the spiritual experience, evoking emotions and providing visual reminders of the central themes of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice, and ultimate triumph over death.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

**February 18, 2026**

**Mass at 7:00 PM.**

*Universal Day of fasting and abstinence from meat.*

## FRIDAYS OF LENT

**6:30 PM** Confession

**7:00 PM** Mass

**7:30 PM** Way of the Cross

### JANITOR AND/OR GROUNDSKEEPER.

The Parish is looking to hire a qualified person to do the janitorial work in the Church and office area on a weekly basis and the hall as needed.

Ideally, this person would also clear the snow at the entrances to the Church, Hall, Office and back entrance in the winter time and cut the grass of the property in the summer months.

This could be two separate people if the same person doing the janitorial work would not be able to do groundskeeping.

Remuneration at \$23 per hour up to 8 hours per week as needed.

Please submit enquiry to Fr. Chris at 250-785-3413.



### Office of the Bishop

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### 2026 Pastoral Appointments

Bishop Stephen Jensen announces the following clergy appointments, effective August 1, 2026:

Rev. Matthew Bellerive	Vice-Chancellor
Very Rev. Terence Brock	Pastor, Christ Our Saviour Parish and St. Mary's School, Prince George
Rev. James Irudayasamy, SAC	Pastor, St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers
Rev. Aruldas Lucas, SAC	Rector, Sacred Heart Cathedral
Rev. Jack Michalchuk	Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Terrace
Very Rev. Rectorino Tolentino Jr.	Pastor, Annunciation Parish, Prince Rupert

### CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2026

**Parents MUST STAY with the child during the classes. It's not a drop-off. Please come 15 minutes early.**

**Children must have celebrated their First Reconciliation before starting First Communion classes.**

#### First Communion: Grade 2 and higher.

Class #1 - March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2PM in the Hall  
Class #2 - March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2PM in the Hall  
Class #3 - March 29<sup>th</sup> at 2PM in the Hall

#### Celebration of First Holy Communion April 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Confirmation: Grade 6 and higher.

Class #1 - April 19<sup>th</sup> in the Hall at 2PM  
Class #2 - April 26<sup>th</sup> in the Hall at 2PM  
Class #3 - May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Hall at 2PM

**Date of Confirmation to be determined by Bishop Jensen.**

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

### PALM SUNDAY - March 29

**Mass at 10:00 AM**

*Liturgy will begin in the hall, where palms will be blessed, and the Gospel read.*

### EASTER TRIDUUM

Through his Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, Death and Resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the Liturgical Year. The Easter Solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week.

The celebration of the Easter Triduum opens with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its climax in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer II on Easter Sunday. (*GNLY*, nos. 18-19)

### HOLY THURSDAY - April 2

*Celebration of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM*  
*Confession after Mass.*

*Adoration will be until 9:00 PM*

### GOOD FRIDAY - April 3

*(Universal day of FASTING and ABSTINENCE from meat)*

*Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM*

*Confession at 6:30 PM*

*Way of the Cross at 7:00 PM*

*\*Flowers can be brought for Veneration of the Cross.*

### HOLY SATURDAY - April 4

*Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM*

### EASTER SUNDAY - April 5

*The Resurrection of the Lord - Mass at 10:00 AM*

*\*Blessing of Easter foods will take place after Mass.*