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# SACRED HEART PARISH

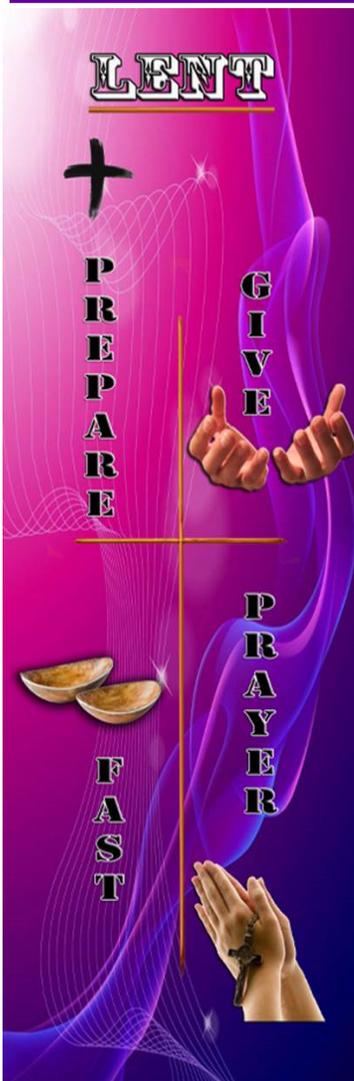
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## Why do we cover Crucifixes and other images during the final week of Lent?

### Veiling of statues and images

While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. It is a tradition that should not only be carried out in our local parish, but can also be a fruitful activity for the “domestic church” to practice.

The rubrics can guide us. In the Roman Missal we find the instruction, “... the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.”

Families are also encouraged to imitate this practice and veil prominent religious images in their homes. It helps us to participate in the liturgical season, especially if we are prevented from going to Mass during the week. Otherwise we only see the veiled images in church once or twice before Easter and it has a minor effect on us. It is also a beautiful tradition to pass down to our children, who will be intrigued by it and it will make this time of year truly special for them. We go through great lengths to decorate our homes for Easter, so why not prepare for the great feast by using veils?

### Why cover up something beautiful?

But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don’t want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a “veiled” world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.

[aleteia.org/2016/03/19/why-do-we-cover-crucifixes-and-statues-during-lent/](http://aleteia.org/2016/03/19/why-do-we-cover-crucifixes-and-statues-during-lent/)

*“Lazarus,  
come out!”*

*-John 11:43*

## Chrism Mass in Prince George

The Chrism Mass and Renewal of Priestly Promises will take place on Tuesday, March 28th at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend this Diocesan celebration; you may watch the livestream of the Mass on the diocesan Facebook page. Fr. James will be away in Prince George for this mass; consequently, there are no weekday Masses at the parish March 28, 29, or 30th.



## Wheelchair Campaign 2023

Thank you to all who donated to the wheelchair campaign this past Sunday. A total of \$3,945.00 was collected from Sunday's event, purchasing 20 wheelchairs!



## CALL TO ACTION

Euthanasia legislation in Canada has been on an ever-expanding journey since the introduction of MAiD (June 2016) in Bill C-14 *An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make related amendments to other Acts (medical assistance in dying)*. The premise at the time was that persons facing terminal illness should have a choice in how they die, while recognizing the need to protect Canadians who may be vulnerable to coercion to end their lives. However, pressure to further expand MAiD into more vulnerable populations resulted in Bill C-7 *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)*, receiving royal assent in March 2021. Those living with disabilities or mental illness are all now considered candidates for euthanasia, even without a terminal illness. On February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, a report tabled in the House of Commons by the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying (AMAD) made the recommendation to expand MAiD even further to include minors.

Bill C-7 has introduced two tracks to death: new criteria allowing euthanasia for individuals whose natural death is not reasonably foreseeable and another that has shortened the time from consent to the actual killing of those facing terminal illness. It is now possible in this circumstance for a person to ask for MAiD and be put to death on the same day.

Concerns regarding safeguards for mental illness resulted in eligibility being withheld for two years for those whose sole underlying medical condition is mental illness. Though extended until March 17, 2024, to allow time to put resources in place, this delay does not mean a change to eligibility—it is just delayed. And the slope continues downward. Bill S-248 *An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)*, is at its second reading in the Senate and aims to remove the need for final consent before being put to death.

Disability advocates have spoken out against this devaluing of the dignity of persons, but we need to add our voices. Now is the time for us to communicate to our Members of Parliament our opposition to this relentless assault on life. The diocesan website has information that can assist you in this vital task.

<https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/>



## Stations of the Cross

Join us for our final Stations of the Cross before Holy Week on Friday, March 31st.

## Diocesan Annual Appeal Update



**We have reached our parish goal!**

Due to a generous donation from a parishioner we have reached our Diocesan Appeal Goal. A heartfelt thank you!

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Prayer Line:** Linda: 635-4767 Holly 635-3894 Rene 635-5833

### Contacts

**NFP (Billings) Instructor:** Cathy Vandenberg 250-635-7397

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**Finance Council:** Barry Dobbin: 250-922-5654

## Thursdays in Lent 7:00pm



The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. It's the show that tens of millions of people won't stop talking about. Please come watch with fellow parishioners each Thursday in Lent at 7:00pm. One episode will be watched each session with a short discussion to follow.

We will gather on Thursday March 30th to watch episode 6 of Season 1: *After witnessing the healing of a leper on the road to Capernaum, a woman forces her paralytic friend through the crowd to meet Jesus.*

## Upcoming Young Adult Events in the Diocese of Prince George

### 2023 Young Adult and Family Camp -

mark your calendars and invite your friends!

Where: Camp Morice, located on Stewart Lake

When: June 29<sup>th</sup> - July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

### 2023 Diocesan Youth Conference

*Into the Heart of the Father*

Where: Prince George

When: **April 28-30th**



Stay up to date with all the news, updates, registration info, DYC t-shirts, and even resources for teens and parents, Email Lisa at [lvfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:lvfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca)



## ABORTION HEALING SPRING RETREATS

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offers you a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal & healing. Register now. Confidentiality assured. Merritt retreat April 25 - 27 Call 250-267-5081 or email [rvkamloops@yahoo.ca](mailto:rvkamloops@yahoo.ca)

If you or someone you know is suffering from an abortion experience, there is no need to suffer in silence. Rachel's Vineyard is here to help.



## Word Among Us

The Easter Word Among Us are available in the foyer for 3.00 dollars a copy.

## Development and Peace Special Collection

### March 26



March 26th is Solidarity Sunday. This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace - Caritas Canada's **Stand for the Land** campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. **Our solidarity rests on your generosity.**

"The support we receive from Development and Peace has been very important for me. It allowed me to find myself, to live again."— Raquel Soto, participant in the documentary filmmaking school of the *Asociación Campesina de Antioquia* (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia)

Such is the difference you can make by giving to your Share Lent parish collection. If you are not an envelope user you may mark your donation with "Share Lent" and your name and address.

## MASS TIMES March 27—April 2

**Monday 9:00am** Rose Fulker

**Tuesday**

Fr. James is away in Prince George for the Chrism Mass. There will be no weekday Mass Tues, Wed, and Thurs.

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday 6:30pm** † Maria & John Raposo

**Saturday 9:00am** † Jose Ventura

## Weekend Mass Times

**Saturday 7:00pm** † Humberto Araujo

**Sunday 9:00am** † Taylor Sousa

**Sunday 11:00am** Intentions of the parish

## Confession

Tues. at 6:30pm, Fri. at 6:00pm & Sat. 6:30pm or by appointment any day.

## Daily Readings

Monday, March 27 Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-64 Psalm 23 John 8:1-11	Thursday, March 30 Genesis 17:3-9 Psalm 105 John 8:51-59
Tuesday, March 28 Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 102 John 8:21-30	Friday, March 31 Jeremiah 20:7, 10-13 Psalm 18 John 10:31-42
Wednesday, March 29 Daniel 3:13-20, 24, 49-50,91-95 Daniel 3 John 8:31-42	Saturday, April 1 Ezekiel 37:21-28 Jeremiah 31 John 11:45-57



**Sunday, April 2**  
**Passion (Palm) Sunday**  
**Matthew 21:1-11**  
**Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 22, Philippians 2:6-11**  
**Matthew 26:14-27:66**

## Mark Your Calendars—Holy Week Schedule

**Thursday, April 6 at 7:00pm—Holy Thursday**

**Friday, April 7 at 3:00pm— Good Friday**

**Saturday, April 8 at 9:00pm—Easter Vigil**

**Sunday, April 9 at 9:00am & 11:00am— Easter**



## Prayer List

Laura D. duBois  
Betty-Anne Tiecib  
Charlene Henryu  
Adele Johnson

John Klukas  
Charles Kofoed  
Robert Ono  
Maria Roque

To put a name on the Prayer List please phone the parish office. Please remember to phone us as well if a name needs to be removed from the list.  
Thank you!

## Quote of the Week

*Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble... and kindles the true light of chastity. —St. Augustine*

## Rosary

Sun, Mon, Sat at 8:30am Fri. 6:00pm  
Tues., Wed., Thurs., - No Rosary

## E-Transfers to Sacred Heart Parish

When setting up the transfer option please add and save the parish as a recipient using:

1. Parish Name: **Sacred Heart Parish Terrace**
2. Email address: **shpaccounting@sacredheartnews.ca**
3. In the message section of the e-transfer please include your envelope number, if applicable and the designation of the your donation, i.e. "General" or a special collection.

\*\* Please note that you do not need a security question because the donation is automatically deposited into the designated parish account. Thank you!

## Last Sunday's Collection

General \$ 3,727.85  
Turkey & Syria \$ 320.00

Thank you to all who have donated to the parish; your generosity is deeply appreciated.

