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LENTEN ALMSGIVING – LET US CHANGE THE WORLD TOGETHER WITH DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

This past weekend I was reminded of the Development and Peace Lenten activity for Almsgiving Thinkfast. Fr. Gerald at St. Pius X Church spoke of the youth in the Okanagan that were fasting during Lent.

“THINKfast is an interactive learning experience designed for youth. By participating in this 25-hour educational and fundraising fast you stand in solidarity with those in the Global South who need our support, both through financial support to projects they are leading, and through a greater understanding of the structures that perpetuate poverty and injustice. In one day, you take a stand against oppression and directly support programs in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East that bring about peace, justice, and development.”

Development and Peace

If you wish to take part in the Thinkfast campaign please see Mr. Wilson or find More information here <https://www.devp.org/en/thinkfast>

If you wish to donate to an Okanagan team then go to either of the team links [Holy Child Summerland](https://www.devp.org/en/civicrm/pcp/info%3Fid%3D2788%26reset%3D1) (link: <https://www.devp.org/en/civicrm/pcp/info%3Fid%3D2788%26reset%3D1>) or [BC and Beyond](https://www.devp.org/en/civicrm/pcp/info%3Fid%3D3051%26reset%3D1) (link: <https://www.devp.org/en/civicrm/pcp/info%3Fid%3D3051%26reset%3D1>)



WHERE IS YOUR TEMPLE OF WORSHIP @ HOME

In Fr. Gerald's homily this weekend he encouraged the congregation gathered online to show “Zeal”, willingness and motivation, to nurture the faith in our own homes by building a “Temple of worship” in our home. He challenged us to Have a place of worship. In my own home without much thought I realised that our burning candle and list of people for which we offer intercessory prayers is our centre of worship.

As we move closer to Easter and the celebration of the Easter Triduum with the churches, our traditional places of worship, closed there is an ever increasing desire to designate a place of worship on our homes. Please share your places of worship or prayer centres in your home with a photo.

PRAYER FOR FAST- ING AND FEASTING

It has been too long since I visited the bulletin page at Corpus Christi Parish to read one of Fr. Pat's weekly letters. This weekend I decided to read his February 26th letter. It was no surprise to find some excellent advice for Lent in the form of an

Fasting and Feasting in Lent

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anonymous prayer that contrasts the works of fasting and feasting that reminds us that even though we are a pilgrim people, that we do not walk alone.

Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from fear of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; Feast on speech that purifies.

Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; Feast on patience. / Fast from pessimism; Feast on hope.

Fast from negatives; Feast on encouragement.

Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness. / Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion.

Fast from suspicion; Feast on truth. / Fast from gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that sustains.

Fast from anxiety; Feast on faith.

THIS WEEKEND THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Scripture passages this week tell us of God's unwavering love—no matter how disobedient we are! It is true: The stories in the Bible are of God's relationship/

friendship with us. We see clearly that God's attitude to us is not "I AM BIGGER and STRONGER THAN YOU." It is: I will love you forever, even when you don't love me!!

For more Gospel commentary see the attached readings, reflection, and activity for the fourth Sunday of Lent.

Online Mass Times

St. Charles Garnier 8:30 am online <https://springfieldfuneralhome.ca/charles/>

Immaculate Conception Church 9:00 am online <https://www.icckelowna.ca/>

St. Pius X at 9:30 am online <https://www.spxbc.com/>
St. Edwards at 10:00 am online <https://www.stedwardsparish.ca/>

Our Lady of Lourdes Church 10:00 am online <https://www.ololwestkelowna.com/>

FRIDAY – SATURDAY MARCH 12-13 “24 HOURS FOR THE LORD”



Immaculate Conception Parish on Sutherland will join the "24 hours for the Lord" initiative on March 12-13. Exposition and Prayers to the Blessed Sacrament starts at 3:00 pm on Friday, 12th. Confession will be offered from 4 to 5 pm. Stations of the Cross at 5:00 pm (on livestream) and confessions again from 6 to 7 pm.

The Blessed Sacrament will be at the main altar of the

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church overnight to allow for visitations that can be socially distanced. Enter from the East side door.

The 24 Hours for the Lord was begun in 2014 by Pope Francis in 2014. It is an annual worldwide Lenten initiative for Catholics to receive the mercy of God through Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Confessions will be available Saturday from 10 am until 2:00 pm with the closing Mass at 2:00 pm to conclude the “24 hours for the Lord” initiative.

Confessions will also be heard on Saturday from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

Take Care.
Be Safe.
God Bless.

Mr. Wilson

