



The Roman Catholic
**DIOCESE OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

December 22, 2021

Feast of the Holy Family
December 26, 2021

*His parents found him in the temple,
sitting among the teachers.*

-Luke 2.46



When Applicable - please ensure that the following items are in your bulletin and/or are also announced so that the same information is heard across the diocese. Thank you.

**Online Broadcast of the Daily /
Sunday Masses:**

- [Sacred Heart Cathedral, PG Facebook](#)
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- [Salt & Light](#)
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Christmas Message to the Diocese

“He is our peace, Who has made us both one...for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father” (Ephesians 2:14, 18). Saint Paul’s words remind us that the source of peace is the One Whose birth we celebrate at Christmas.

The last year has occasioned fear, anxiety and division, as people have navigated the world of the global pandemic. The changing forms of the virus and health authorities’ responses have raised questions that elicited different and even contradictory answers. The internet is filled with information and opinion that has often been a source of division, not reassurance. While everyone is responsible to exercise his own judgement, the unfortunate reality is that some have been attacked or belittled for holding views that differ from others. Saint Paul’s words direct us to Him Whose cross has given us the way to handle differences with respect, patience and charity (cf. 1 John 4:8).

As we celebrate the birth of Him Who is our peace, we want to live our relationships after the pattern of Christ. The stress of the pandemic can be an opportunity for grace, an invitation to imitate more completely the Lord Who is our peace and gave His life that we might be one.

With prayerful best wishes for a faith-filled celebration of Christmas!

—Bishop Stephen Jensen

Dispensation of the Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass

During the time of restrictions imposed by the Northern Health Authority on in-person attendance at religious services, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation will continue.

We look forward to the day when we will be in the situation of the rest of the province, which allows everyone access to the church building.

Pastoral Centre Christmas Schedule

The Pastoral Centre will close at noon on December 24th and will reopen on January 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

In case of an urgent need during that time, please use the automated telephone system to leave a voice mail or you can send an email. We will do our best to get back to you as soon as we can. Non-urgent messages will receive a response upon our return.

Donation Reminder for Parishes

A reminder to all Parishes: please make sure that any donations intended for another parish are marked with the date you received them so they can be receipted in the correct year.

Christ Our Saviour Alpha: Meet New People and Explore Faith Together

Alpha is a series of sessions that freely explore the big questions of life. It's an opportunity to meet new people, discover more about the Christian faith, and share your thoughts in a friendly environment.

Connect with new people—Watch an episode on a topic of faith—Ask questions and share your thoughts

Start 2022 with hope by signing up to join *Alpha* with Christ Our Saviour Parish in Prince George on Sunday nights by Zoom @ 7pm, starting Sunday January 9th. If you are interested, please email - dugdaledalpha@gmail.com or phone: Michelle Dugdale at 250-967-4423.

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