



The Roman Catholic  
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PRINCE GEORGE**

# Wednesday Weekly

October 9, 2024

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 13, 2024**

*They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?"  
Jesus looked at them and said, "For humans it is impossible, but not for God; for  
God all things are possible."*

*-Mark 10.17-30*

**When Applicable** – please ensure that the following items, especially those marked with an \*, are in your bulletin and/or are also announced so that the same information is heard across the diocese. Thank you.

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- [Vision TV](#)
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## Attachments

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- Called to Witness – A Pastoral Letter on Evangelization and Catechesis of the Family

## Pastoral Letter on the Evangelization and Catechesis in the Family – Press Release from the CCCB

**Ottawa, October 9, 2024** — Today, the Episcopal Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis of the English Sector of Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) releases *Called to Witness and Proclaim: A Pastoral Letter on Evangelization and Catechesis in the Family*. This resource is the result of a priority that was assigned to the Commission by the Bishops of the English Sector at their annual meeting in September 2023.

Framed around the story of Jesus healing the daughter of Jairus, as related in the Gospel of Mark (5:21-43), the pastoral letter is divided into three sections: catechesis *in* the family, catechesis *with* the family, and catechesis *of* the family.

Key to the message of the pastoral letter is the analogy it draws between Jesus' compassion for Jairus' family and the concern and desire of the Church to provide pastoral support and accompaniment to families in the situations in which they find themselves, as well as to partner with families to proclaim the Good News.

The pastoral letter highlights some of the ways Jesus continues to walk with families today in the context of the parish community.

As the reflection continues, the pastoral letter considers how Jesus' encounter with families, like his encounter with Jairus' family, is transformative, effectively turning the family into a living witness of the power of Christ. This dimension of witnessing recalls Pope Francis' call to become missionary disciples and invites families in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life to become schools of love, bearing witness to the Gospel.

"Families are essential for our church's mission," says the Most Rev. Brian Joseph Dunn, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth, and Chair of the Episcopal Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis. "They show testimony to the Gospel in everyday life through love, sacrifice, and mutual care."

The pastoral letter is available on the CCCB website at the following link: <https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Called-to-Witness-EN-2024-09-09-FINAL.pdf>

## Family as the Seedbed of Culture – A Talk by Dr. Ryan N.S. Topping

**When:** October 10, 2024 at 7 PM

**Where:** Diocesan Pastoral Centre – Conference Wing (will also be livestreamed)

In our time, the family has come under attack. Yet the Christian home remains the seedbed of renewal both for the Church and for society. In this presentation, Dr. Topping shares insights from a recent study on Canadian vocations, and practical tips drawn from his own experience as a husband of 24 years and father of 10 to help you cultivate your family as a seedbed for Catholic culture.



#### About Dr. Topping:

Dr. Ryan N.S. Topping earned his Doctorate in Theology from the University of Oxford. Till 2024 he was Professor of Theology and Director of the Benedict XVI Institute for the New Evangelization at Newman Theological College, in Edmonton, where he also previously served as Academic Dean. Dr. Topping has published on a variety of Catholic themes and figures, from St. Augustine, to Dante, to G.K. Chesterton in academic and popular journals. He has published ten books on Catholic culture and education. His latest book is *Thinking as Though God Exists: Newman on Evangelizing the Nones* (2023); his recent research report, *Meet our New Priests: 12 Key Findings About the Background, Discernment, and Seminary Formation of Canada's most Recent Ordination Classes* (2023), was based upon a first-of-its-kind national study on new ordinands in Canada. Dr. Topping and his wife have ten children, the eldest of which is a

seminarian for the diocesan priesthood

Join the livestream on Teams here: <https://bit.ly/4eYIOoD> or scan the QR Code.

Please note: downloading the Teams app is not required. Once clicked or scanned, you will be given the option to join via a web browser.



## Canada Needs Our Lady – Rosary Rally on October 12, 2024

Our second Rosary rally for Canada is coming up October 12th at 12noon. It will be held along Hwy 16 West and Ferry Ave along the southern side paved walkway by the School District Offices.

The Public Square Rosary sponsored by Canada Needs Our Lady will be one of more than a thousand rallies that will take place all across Canada on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offences committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of Canada.

Will you please join us and other Catholics on this very important day?

## Women's Events at Christ Our Saviour

Sponsored by Christ Our Saviour Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, these activities are open to all ladies 16 and over.

## Women's Wednesday

A variety of topics, prayers, & fun activities  
are open to all ladies 16 & over  
every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm  
at Christ Our Saviour Catholic Church  
4514 Austin Road West  
upstairs in the foyer or downstairs in the hall

### Upcoming Wednesdays:

Oct. 2	Social Justice
Oct. 9	Teatime Prayer
Oct. 16	Teatime Prayer
Oct. 23	ADHD Neurodivergence
Oct. 30	Faith

## Still Knitting Us Together

Do you like to knit or crochet?  
Or would you like to learn?

There are some very talented ladies ready to  
share their craft with you every Monday  
from 10 am to 12 noon in the church hall.

**Knitting needles, crochet hooks, patterns,  
and yarn provided**

Socks, mittens, slippers, baby blankets, toys  
all knitted items go to those in need

**Hospice, Hope for Women, the Homeless**

This is a drop in event – you are not obliged to  
show up every week - just come when you're  
in the mood to knit or just to socialize

## Monthly Day of Eucharistic Adoration

Due to the priests' convocation during the second week of October, our next Date with Jesus will be held on the **THIRD WEEK** of the month, on **October 16, 2024**.

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a **Personal Date with Jesus on Wednesday October 16th, 2024** at the Domano Chapel, 6500 Southridge Ave. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM for a day of silent prayer and adoration. We will pray for the universal Church and the world, and for the people and needs of our Diocese. In particular we will pray for the protection of all human life, for all the sick, for vocations, for Peace in our world, for the Synod in Rome, and for the intentions of those participating in the day.

Please note that we will return to the regular date, 2nd Wednesday of the month, in November and beyond.

## One Million Children Praying the Rosary – October 18, 2024

You are invited to take part in One Million Children Praying the Rosary (OMC) event organized by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Canada on Friday, October 18 2024.

You can participate in the virtual event by registering at:  
<https://Onemillionchildrenprayingtherosary.eventbrite.ca>.

You can also schedule a time to pray the Rosary in your parish, school, religious community, home, with family or friends, etc. Make your intentions known to Ms. Valérie Vulcain, annual campaign coordinator, at [vv@acn-canada.org](mailto:vv@acn-canada.org) or by calling 1800-585-6333, ext. 227, who will be happy to provide you with materials, such as a poster and flyer, to help organize your activity.

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

For emotional and spiritual healing, Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a supportive, non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. Confidentiality assured.

**Kelowna retreat:** (Fri-Sun) October 18-20, 2024. Contact Vicki at 250-762-2273, [www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](http://www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com), or Facebook – Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna.

**Merrit Retreat:** (Tues-Thurs) October 22-24, 2024. Contact Nancy at 250-267-5081, call or text. Email: [rvkamloops@yahoo.ca](mailto:rvkamloops@yahoo.ca).

**Prince George retreats: STARTING IN 2025.** For more information, contact Fr. Michael at Christ Our Saviour ([mebomuche@pgdiocese.ca](mailto:mebomuche@pgdiocese.ca)) or Adele at St. Mary's ([rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me](mailto:rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me))

## Camp Morice Society AGM – October 28, 2024

You are invited to join us for the AGM on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7 PM via the following Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86951732429>

## Spiritual Exercises for Men – Ignatian Silent Retreat, November 1-3, 2024

Following the Ignatian Spiritual Exercise, this retreat for men will provide an opportunity to discover the path God has for you moving forward in your spiritual life.

Registration is \$220 including all meals and is on a first-come, first-served basis. There are limited accommodations reserved for out-of-town retreatants, with an additional cost of \$100 for the 2 nights.

The registration desk opens at 5 pm on Friday, November 1, 2024 and the retreat ends on Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 1:30 PM.

To register, please email or text below the number or address below and include the following information: Name, address, mobile number, emergency contact number, and need for accommodations along with any food allergies/requirements.

Registration: Norm Hebert at [norman.hebert@protonmail.com](mailto:norman.hebert@protonmail.com) or 778-890-0540.

## Job Opportunities

### St. Vincent de Paul

- The PG Society of St Vincent de Paul is looking for Christian people to make a difference in the lives of the needy. While we are always looking for volunteers, we are currently looking to fill 2 vacant job positions: **Thrift Store Assistant Manager** and **Drop-In Center Assistant Coordinator** - both 40 hours per week, Monday to Friday. Please send resumes, contact information and references to [jecreagan@gmail.com](mailto:jecreagan@gmail.com). Details will be sent upon request.

**Want to share news in the Wednesday Weekly?**

Email [reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca) by **NOON** on Tuesday.

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