



The Roman Catholic
**DIOCESE OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

November 20, 2024

**Christ the King
November 24, 2024**

"My kingdom is not from this world."

-John 18.33b-37

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.

Online Broadcast of the Daily / Sunday Masses:

- [Sacred Heart Cathedral, PG Facebook](#)
- [St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers Facebook](#)

**For those with cable or optic TV,
please check with your provider
for the following or go directly to:**

- [Salt & Light](#)
- [Vision TV](#)
- [EWTN TV](#)

Attachments

- 2024-25 Appeal Update – Nov 20, 2024
- 2024-25 Appeal Poster 11x17
- Appeal Pledge Forms 2024-25
- Called Together Brochure – 2024-25
- End of Life Seminar Poster
- Advent Coffeehouse Poster
- Pilgrimage Locations in the Diocese of Prince George Poster
- Jubilee 2025 Events at St. Mary's Poster
- Rise Up Poster

Called Together Diocesan Annual Appeal

We've had a very quiet week for the Diocesan Appeal and there's really not much to report at all. We added only a bit more than 1% to our total pledges.

I did want to draw attention to St. Andrew's in Fraser Lake as they are just under 100%, having jumped from 91% last week. Annunciation Parish in Prince Rupert and St. Joseph's in Vanderhoof both added a few percent to their totals as well.

Of course, we have not been receiving any of those donations made by mail, due to the Canada Post strike. Please remember that we can also receive funds by Interac e-Transfer at appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca and by credit card at CanadaHelps. You can find the link to CanadaHelps on our diocesan web page: www.pgdiocese.bc.ca

Thank you for your continued support. I would ask you to redouble your prayers for the appeal and all the needs of the entire diocese. Too many of our smaller parishes and missions rely on funds from the appeal and we have a long way to go.

James Fowlie
Delegate for Business and Administration

Announcement – Pilgrim Locations in the Diocese of Prince George for the 2025 Jubilee

Pope Francis has urged pilgrimages to Rome, local churches and shrines in the coming Jubilee 2025.

Since many cannot travel to Rome for a pilgrimage, bishops worldwide designated their cathedrals and shrines as special places of prayer for pilgrims.

Three churches and a special place in the Diocese of Prince George are designated by Bishop Stephen Jensen as destinations for pilgrims (please see attached poster):

- **Sacred Heart Cathedral, Prince George**
- **Notre Dame Parish, Dawson Creek**
- **Sacred Heart Parish, Terrace**
- **Rose Prince Gravesite, Lejac**

These churches and the Rose Prince gravesite will serve as places of pilgrimage within the diocese throughout the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025. Jubilee pilgrimages offer the faithful the occasion to receive a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The Holy Father stated in the Papal Bull, *Spes Non Confundit*, "Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life. A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life. In the coming year, *pilgrims of hope* will surely travel the ancient and more modern routes in order to experience the Jubilee to the full...In the particular Churches, special care should be taken to prepare priests and the faithful to celebrate the sacrament of Confession and to make it readily available in its individual form."

The Jubilee of Hope will officially open on December 24th, 2024, with the Pope opening the “Holy Door” in St. Peter’s Basilica.

In our diocese, Bishop Stephen Jensen will celebrate the 11:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year on Sunday, December 29th, 2024, Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It will be livestreamed *via* the cathedral Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/cathedraldpg>.

NB: Parishes, please print the attached poster and make it visible to your parishioners. The size is A3 OR 420mm x 297mm, OR 11.69in x 16.54in.

Monthly Day of Eucharistic Adoration

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus **on WEDNESDAY December 11th, 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, and for the intentions of those participating in the day. Please mark your calendar on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of each month for Personal Date with Jesus days.

Rachel’s Vineyard News Update

We continue our efforts to initiate this much needed healing ministry in the north. As a team we are now gathering regularly with the hope of a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat in Prince George in the not-too-distant future.

There are many ways that the people in our diocese can help without attending meetings.

PRAYERS are needed as prayer plays a big part in this ministry work. Prayers for those people who are suffering and are in need of healing, as well as prayers for those who are working as team members.

FINANCIAL help is also needed as many costs are involved in running a retreat and the initial cost of startup is steep. If you are able to help in this way, a donation of any kind would be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be sent to our Diocese office either by cheque or Auto Deposit e-transfer.

Cheques payable to: RCEC – DDF Send to: Diocesan Pastoral Centre,
Specify “RV acct” on cheque memo. 6500 Southridge Avenue
Prince George, B.C. V2N 5P9

Auto-deposit: e-transfer to rachelsvineyardpg@pgdiocese.ca

Thank You to those who have been helping either by your time, finances or prayers.

With prayer and gratitude,
Adele Stewart, St. Mary’s Parish rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me
Father Michael, Christ Our Savior Parish mebomucho@pgdiocese.ca

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.

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<p>Still Knitting Us Together</p> <p>Do you like to knit or crochet? Or would you like to learn?</p> <p>There are some very talented ladies ready to share their craft with you every Monday from 10 am to 12 noon Christ Our Saviour Church Hall 4514 Austin Road West in Prince George</p> <p>Knitting needles, crochet hooks, yarn provided</p> <p>Socks, mittens, slippers, baby blankets, toys All knitted items go to those in need</p> <p>Hospice, Hope for Women, the Homeless</p> <p>This is a drop in event – just come when you're in the mood to knit or just to socialize</p>	<p>Women's Wednesday</p> <p>A variety of topics, prayers & activities open to all ladies 16 & over every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Christ Our Saviour Church 4514 Austin Road West in Prince George</p> <p><u>Upcoming Wednesdays:</u></p> <p>Nov. 6 Jubilee of Mercy – Finding Freedom from Spiritual Bondage</p> <p>Nov. 13 Teatime Prayer</p> <p>Nov. 20 Operation Christmas Child</p> <p>Nov. 27 Faith - Advent</p>
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End of Life Seminar at Immaculate Conception – Nov 23, 2024

Have you made your end-of-life plans?

Do you have:

- A will?
- A representation agreement?
- A funeral plan?
- A financial legacy?

Join us at **Immaculate Conception Parish on Saturday, November 23, from 9:30 am until noon**, for an informative seminar on preparing for the end of your life on this earth.

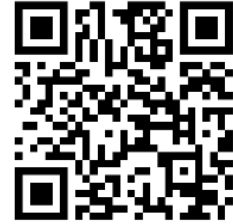
Chelsea Dunk, a lawyer with Marcotte Law, will speak about the legal aspects of preparing for death: wills, representation agreements, and powers of attorney.

Fr Matthew Bellerive, assistant priest at Immaculate Conception, will discuss why planning your funeral is a good idea, and things to consider when doing so.

Michele Santos, an **investment expert** and advisor to the Diocese of Prince George, will address how to leave a financial legacy behind.

The facilitators will be available to answer any questions you may have about the various legal, spiritual, and financial aspects of end-of-life plans.

Please register by [clicking here](#), scanning the QR code, or entering this URL in your web browser: <https://forms.office.com/r/neRQ05iRf7>.



2025 Jubilee Presentations at St. Mary's, Prince George

St. Mary's Parish in Prince George will be holding presentations and talks, followed by Holy Rosary and Confession, on the first Friday of each month during the Jubilee Year. Everyone is invited to attend these presentations. Please see the attached poster for the full schedule of presentations and presenters.

The first presentation will be by Bishop Stephen Jensen on December 6, 2024, on the topic of the Jubilee Year and Jubilee throughout History.

Advent Coffeehouse – December 15, 2024

The 9th Annual Coffeehouse fundraiser for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be on Sunday, December 15, 2024.

Doors open at 6 PM and evening begins at 6:30 PM.

Join us for an evening of live music, silent auctions, delicious Christmas goods and much more!

The Diocese of Prince George Presents

GAUDETE

The 9th Annual Coffeehouse
Fundraiser for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTER
6500 SOUTHRIDGE AVE
PRINCE GEORGE

Sunday
15
December

Doors open at 6pm,
Evening begins at 6:30 pm

\$5 Per Person
\$10 Per Family

Join us for an evening of live music performed by local talents,
silent auctions, door prizes, delicious Christmas treats and
much more!

Rise Up National Conference

This year's national conference for young adults—"Rise Up" by Catholic Christian Outreach—will take place in Calgary, Alberta, from December 29, 2024 to January 1, 2025.

Anyone who is wishing to attend the conference and is looking for car-pool options, or who has questions about the conference, can contact Fr. Ken Anderson by email at kanderson@pgdiocese.ca

Visit the website to learn more or to register: <https://cco.ca/rise-up/>

Catholic Christian Outreach

TAKE COURAGE

Rise Up 2024

Calgary, AB

Dec 29 - Jan 1

Ages 18-35

Canada's most vibrant young adult conference

@ccocampus RISE UP cco.ca/riseup

2025 Diocesan Youth Conference – Save the Date!

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May 23-25, 2025

The 2025 Prince George Diocesan Youth Conference will take place from May 23 to 25, 2025. Mark your calendars! Registration will open in the New Year.

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. Details will be sent upon request.

Want to share news in the Wednesday Weekly?

Email reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca by **NOON** on Tuesday.

Late entries will be published in the following week's edition. Please send in Word format.

To receive all diocesan news directly in your inbox or on your phone email reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca **OR TEXT** "pgd" to 514-900-0130 to join **Flocknote**. This is an email and text messaging tool created for churches, ministries, teams and other community organizations. It helps to communicate with the people by sending a simple text message. Please join us in keeping up with all the diocesan news.