



The Roman Catholic  
**DIOCESE OF  
PRINCE GEORGE**

# Wednesday Weekly

December 11, 2024

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**December 15, 2024**

*'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'*

-Luke 3:10-18



**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](#)

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please check with your provider  
for the following or go directly to:**

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

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## Called Together Diocesan Appeal Update

Please find this week's appeal update attached.

## Rest in Peace – Sr. Gerarda Slanina, OSSR

Sister Gerarda Slanina, OSSR, died yesterday, December 9, 2024 in Edmonton, where she had moved in September to live at a facility for retired religious women.

Sr. Gerarda was retired while she lived in Prince George. Although she never had an assignment to ministry in the diocese, she volunteered at the cathedral for many years.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

*“Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”*

## Submit your Photos to the Wednesday Weekly

If you have photos of a parish event, achievement, or ministry in action in your community, consider submitting them to the Wednesday Weekly at [reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca). Have a story to tell that goes with it? Let us know and it can be featured in the Quarterly Special Edition (next edition: December 18, 2024).

Please see the attached Photo-Video release form to ensure that proper permissions from the people in the photos have been granted prior to submitting photos. We cannot use photos for which permission has not been granted.

## Catechetical Resource on Plenary Indulgences during the Jubilee Year

Attached to this week's Wednesday Weekly, please find the "Catechetical Resource on Plenary Indulgences during the Jubilee Year," provided by the CCCB Jubilee Committee. It provides a summary of the Holy See's Decree on the "Granting of Indulgence during the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025 called by His Holiness Pope Francis."

## Journey through Advent

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has announced the online weekly video series for this year's Advent season, which will present reflections on the Gospel readings for each Sunday leading up to Christmas.

This year's English spiritual reflections are delivered by the Most Reverend Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto.

The video series can be found on the CCCB website here: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 **January 8th, 2025** 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.

Please note that despite the ongoing construction work at 6500 Southridge, there is (regular or provisional) car access to the Chapel and its parking lot. Just drive carefully following set indications inside the diocesan property. Thank you.

## Taize Prayer at St. Mary's – Prince George

*St. Mary's*  
PARISH

### Advent Taize Prayer



## 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.

## 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  
Specify “RV acct” on cheque memo.

Send to: Diocesan Pastoral Centre,  
6500 Southridge Avenue  
Prince George, B.C. V2N 5P9

Auto-deposit: e-transfer to [rachelsvineyard@pgdiocese.ca](mailto:rachelsvineyard@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  
Father Michael, Christ Our Savior Parish

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## Advent Coffeehouse – December 15, 2024

The 9th Annual Coffeehouse fundraiser will be on Sunday, December 15, 2024. This year's proceeds will go to local work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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

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!



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

## 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.

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

Save the Date!

2025  
Diocesan Youth  
Conference

May 23-25, 2025

## 2025 Diocesan Youth Conference – Save the Date!

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.

# Wishing You and Your Family a very Blessed Christmas



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