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Wednesday Weekly

January 8, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

-Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



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](#)
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National Visitation of the Relics of St. Jean de Brébeuf and of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Please mark your calendar. On Sunday, January 19, 2025 at the 11:00 AM Mass the major relics of the Canadian Martyrs will visit Sacred Heart Cathedral. After the Mass, there will be an opportunity for veneration of the relics.

The major relics of the Canadian Martyrs, including the skull of St. Jean de Brébeuf and bones of St. Charles Garnier and St. Gabriel Lalemant, will be travelling across Canada for the first time.

The relics have resided principally at the National Shrine to the Canadian Martyrs in Midland, Ontario for the past hundred years. The three Jesuit saints are among the eight French missionaries who first brought the Gospel to Canada and were martyred during the Huron-Iroquois Wars of the early 1600s. Joining them will be the relic of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first indigenous North American saint, who was canonized in 2012 and is a beloved patron of the First Nations peoples.

Pastoral Care Training Sessions – February 1 – April 5, 2025

“God calls us to touch the lives of our aging, lonely, ill, palliative and dying sisters and brothers with accompaniment, kindness and compassion as the hands and face of Christ. In these sessions, you learn basic tools necessary to accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ.” – Most Reverend Gary Gordon, Bishop of Victoria

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online again this winter. Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, **starting on February 1 and running until April 5, 2025** (with no session on March 8 for spring break). Participants who attend all sessions will receive a Certificate of Completion. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or Smart Phone with speakers, microphone and webcam, a reliable Internet connection, and access to Zoom. **Please register through your local parish by January 21, 2025.** For further information, please email moiraking@shaw.ca

“I strongly recommend this Program to all Priest and Brothers, Religious and not only to Parish Visiting Volunteers, but other parish ministries [the Knights, CWL and St. Vincent de Paul] including family members and spouse care givers. It should be recommended to all of our Catholic/Christian communities.” – A participant

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.”

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.

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.

RAINBOWS Registration Now Open

Has your family or someone you know experienced a death, divorce, separation, or other painful transition? If so, our accredited site at St. Mary’s Parish, Prince George, may have the grief support program for you.

Registration for our winter session, starting on January 16th, is now open.

Please visit www.rainbowspg.com for all information and registration.

Grief to Grace Retreat



Through a 5-day program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. The next program in Canada is **May 20- 25 in Kelowna**. For more information please email

griegtograncelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

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