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Wednesday Weekly

January 22, 2025

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2025

Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

-Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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](#)
- [EWNTV](#)

Attachments

- 2024 Parish Statistics form for Rome Report

- 2024-2025 Appeal Update – Jan 22, 2025
- Winter 2025 Pastoral Care Training Session
- Winter 2025 Pastoral Care Training Session announcement script
- Winter 2025 Pastoral Care Training Session descriptions
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- Catechetical Resource on Plenary Indulgences during the Jubilee Year
- Jubilee 2025 Events at St. Mary's Poster
- Pilgrimage locations for the Diocese of Prince George poster
- Vocation Live-In – Christ the King Seminary
- St. Therese Institute Open House poster

Called Together Diocesan Appeal Update

Please find attached this week's update for the Diocesan Appeal. Updates will now appear in the Wednesday Weekly only every second week.

Statistical Information for 2024

In order to submit the Annual Rome Report for 2024, statistical information is needed from each parish. Parishes are asked to complete the attached form and return it by fax (250-964-2101), regular mail (6500 Southridge Avenue, Prince George, BC, V2N 5P9), or email (jgarden@pgdiocese.bc.ca) to Fr. John Garden (Chancellor) by **February 14, 2025**. Thank you!

Sacramental Records for 2024

Please download and submit all of your sacramental records from **Parish Friendly** for the 2024 Year via email to Fr. John Garden (Chancellor) at jgarden@pgdiocese.bc.ca by **February 14, 2025**. Please ensure that you download using the "Sacraments to CSV" format. Also, please ensure that you do not open the file before sending it as it cannot be uploaded by the Chancery Office if opened beforehand.

For instructions on how to download the sacramental records, please see p. 32 of the Parish Friendly Help Manual. If you still have questions after reviewing p. 32, please contact Mrs. Martha Primus, Administrative and Pastoral Assistant, Immaculate Conception Parish, Prince George at: icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca or (250) 964-4898. If you do not have Parish Friendly, please send a hard copy of your parish registers to Fr. John via fax, scan or postal mail by **February 14, 2025**.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025

As of January 18, 2025, we have entered this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU), which ends on January 25, 2025. The prayers and reflections for this year's theme, "Do you believe this?" (Jn 11:26), highlights the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea (325 AD).

The prayers and reflections for this year's WPCU, jointly published by the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches, can be found here: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/documents/resources-for-the-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2025>

Each year, the Canadian Council of Churches, which includes the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in its members, commissions a team to adapt the published resources into a version which takes into account the Canadian context, which can be found here: <https://www.weekofprayer.ca/>

To see the CCCB's full press release on the WPCU, please visit their website here: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/the-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2025/>

Monthly Day of Eucharistic Adoration

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus on **Wednesday February 12th, 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 in spite of 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.

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

High School Vocation Live-In at Seminary of Christ the King

There will be a 2-day Vocation Live-In on the weekend of February 8-9 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC, open to students in grades 6 to 11 who are interested in the priesthood or the life of a religious brother and want to experience what seminary life is like.

Please see the attached poster for more details.

Open House Week at St. Therese Institute

Experience a day in the life at St. Therese Institute during our Catholic Gap Year OPEN HOUSE WEEK, February 17-22! Discover spiritual growth, live in a supportive community, and explore your vocation as you engage in classes, community prayer, meals, and activities alongside current students. Perfect for prospective gap-year attendees (ages 18-27), STIFM alumni, interested parents, and supporters of our mission. Explore and immerse yourself in our vibrant, transformative community and see what makes St. Therese Institute in Bruno, SK, unique and amazing! Register today: StTherese.ca/events or 306-369-2555

Behold, the Making of a Cardinal

Salt and Light Media has released “Behold, the Making of a Cardinal,” an episode providing insight into the journey of North America’s newest Cardinal, Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto. It explores the responsibilities, process, and significance of his role as Cardinal within the Catholic Church.

The episode can be viewed here:

<https://slmedia.org/w/86h2hGLG/qQD5v32Q/s5-e4-behold-the-making-of-a-cardinal>

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.

Presentations will also be livestreamed via St. Mary's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@saintmarysprincegeorge5396>

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.

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.