



The Roman Catholic
**DIOCESE OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

February 5, 2025

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2025

But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

-Luke 5:1-11

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 – Feb 5, 2025
- 2024 Parish Statistics form for Rome Report
- 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
- St. Therese Institute Open House poster

Called Together Diocesan Appeal Update

As we tend to receive fewer appeal donations after January ends, we will now be reporting Appeal Updates every two weeks.

Over the past two weeks, we've increased almost 2% toward our diocesan goal, having received 78.6% or almost \$236,000. Thank you again to all those who have contributed. Most of those donations have come from a small handful of parishes. St. Patrick's in McBride continued to build on their total, adding another 23% to reach 326% of their diocesan goal. Christ Our Saviour in Prince George added 20% to reach 66% of their goal. Holy Cross in Tumbler Ridge got to 27%, having added 7% to their total.

Immaculate Conception in PG added almost 4% to reach just under 90% of their goal and Sacred Heart Parish in Terrace is almost at 100%, having added 3% to reach more than 97% of their goal.

I would like to encourage all pastors and parishioners to make an additional push to reach our goals. At this time, our smaller parishes and missions will see only 78% of the funds hoped for. In addition, many parishes are hoping to receive contributions to help reach the parish project goals and only two parishes have reached that target with only a small handful of the other parishes close to theirs.

I ask you to please continue keeping the many needs of the entire diocese in your prayers.

--James Fowlie, Delegate for Finance and Administration

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**.

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.

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

Save the Date: Lenten Gathering for Men, March 14-15

Venue: Domano Renewal Centre, 6700 Southridge Ave., Prince George

Arrival and check-in will begin at 6:00 PM on Friday, March 14th. The gathering will conclude midafternoon on Saturday the 15th.

Facilitated by Kevin Philip from Boats on Fire Catholic Ministries.

Registration will open on February 12th.

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 officially opened on December 24th, 2024, with the Pope opening the “Holy Door” in St. Peter’s Basilica.

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>

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.