

# Wednesday Weekly

March 5, 2025 Ash Wednesday

First Sunday of Lent March 9, 2025

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days.

-Luke 4:1-13

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

• <u>EWINTY</u>

#### **Attachments**

- 2024-25 Appeal Update March 5, 2025
- Jubilee 2025 Events at St. Mary's Poster
- Photo-Video Release Form
- Belove Springtime Night Poster
- DYC 2025 Poster
- Embracing Jubilee 2025 St. Andrew's Mission

## **Prayer for Pope Francis**

Almighty ever-living God, eternal health of believers,
Who willed that our infirmities
Be borne by your Only-Begotten Son for our salvation,
Listen in kindness to our prayers
For your servant Francis, our Pope and Shepherd:
Grant him, we implore you, your merciful help,
So that he may be restored to your Church in good health,
Ever ready to serve the flock you have entrusted to his care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

## Called Together Diocesan Appeal Update

Please see the attached Appeal Update for the latest numbers on the Called Together diocesan appeal.

### 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 <a href="mailto:reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca">reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca</a>. Have a story to tell that goes with it? Let us know and it can be featured in the Quarterly Special Edition (next edition: March 26, 2025).

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 a form has not been signed.

## Journey through Lent

The CCCB has released the first two videos in this year's "Journey through Lent" series, offering reflections on each week's Sunday readings. The videos for the series can be found on the CCCB website here: <a href="https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/">https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/</a>

## Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion – City Parishes



## 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: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@saintmarysprincegeorge5396">https://www.youtube.com/@saintmarysprincegeorge5396</a>

## Monthly Day of Adoration – March 12, 2025

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus on **Wednesday March 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.

Embracing Jubilee 2025 – Mission in St. Andrew's Parish with Fr. Rector



## EMBRACING JUBILEE 2025 AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE



**St. Andrew's Parish** Fraser Lake, BC

Parish Mission with Fr. Rectorino Mendoza Tolentino, Jr.



Wednesday, March 12, 2025

6:00 PM Mass 7:00 PM Mission Talk

"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

Pope Francis, Letter to Msgr. Rino Fisichella for the Jubilee 2025

# Diocesan Men's Lenten Gathering: Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> to Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> – "The Father's Sacrifice" Deadline to Register: March 7<sup>th</sup>

This Lenten gathering is an opportunity for Catholic men to ponder the mystery of God's Fatherhood in the sacrifice of his Son and what this means for the identity and mission of every Catholic man.

The weekend will include Mass with Bishop Jensen, Adoration, opportunities for Confession, and reflections from our guest speaker, Kevin Philip, from Boats on Fire Ministries.

Venue: Domano Renewal Centre (6500 Southridge Ave. PG).

Arrival and check-in will take place from 5:30-6:30 pm on Friday the 14th. The conference will conclude midafternoon on Saturday the 15th. The deadline to register is Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Cost: \$100.00 per person (\$50.00 per additional person for fathers who bring their sons); Friday evening snack and breakfast and lunch on Saturday are included.

Overnight accommodation at the Domano Renewal Centre is an additional \$50.00 per person.

Registration can be found at the following link: https://forms.office.com/r/7JL08GDUEg



Contact Fr. Ken Anderson for more information at kanderson@pgdiocese.ca

### Belove Springtime Night!

Girls in Grade 5 to 8 are invited to a night of fellowship and prayer on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Domano Renewal Centre from 6 to 8 PM. Please contact <a href="mailto:beloverevolutionbc@gmail.com">beloverevolutionbc@gmail.com</a> if you have any questions.

## Rachel's Vineyard Spring Retreats – BC Interior 2025

For Emotional and Spiritual healing, Rachel's vineyard weekend retreats offer a supportive, non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. Confidentiality assured.

KELOWNA: weekend April 4 - 6 Contact Vicki at 250-762-2273 www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

MERRIT: Tues - Thurs May 13 - 15 contact Nancy at 250-267-5081 phone or text

Email: <a href="mailto:rvkamloops@yahoo.ca">rvkamloops@yahoo.ca</a>

PRINCE GEORGE RETREATS STARTING IN 2025 - STAY TUNED

For more info: Father Michael at Christ Our Savior email: mebomuche@pgdiocese.ca

Or Adele at St Mary's email: <a href="mailto:rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me">rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me</a>

#### Grief to Grace Retreat



Through a 5-day program facilitated by mental health professionals and

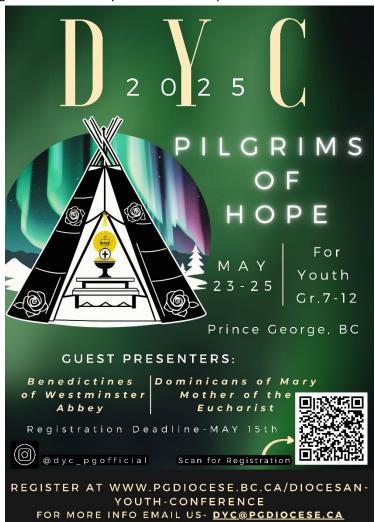
centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, piritual abuse in their

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

# 2025 Diocesan Youth Conference – Registration Now Open!

Registration is now open for the annual Diocesan Youth Conference. This year's guest presenters include the Benedictines of Westminster Abbey and the Dominicans of Mary Mother of the Eucharist.

The deadline for registration is May 15, 2025. Scan the poster for registration or register here: <a href="https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/diocesan-youth-conference/">https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/diocesan-youth-conference/</a>



## Advokate Baby Bottle Campaign – May 11<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Advokate Life and Education Services is once again launching its Baby Bottle Campaign in support of its Hope for Women Pregnancy Service Centres. Funds raised from this campaign help the service centres provide pregnancy tests, counselling, referral to community resources, free maternity and baby supplies, postpartum support and so much more.

Parishes wishing to participate can contact <a href="mailto:bethany@advokate.ca">bethany@advokate.ca</a> to request baby bottles, as well as download campaign materials from the Google Drive folder here: <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zMB2qqQxm8ac5GuwyviceO8Fyt2dZD6A">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zMB2qqQxm8ac5GuwyviceO8Fyt2dZD6A</a>

Individuals wishing to donate virtually can also do so through the Baby Bottle Campaign website here: https://babybottles.ca/

## Walk for Life – June 7, 2025

The annual Walk for Life is now open for registration and will take place on June 7, 2025. Those wishing to register or donate can do so here: <a href="https://walkforlife.ca/">https://walkforlife.ca/</a>

All funds raised help Advokate continue their mission of creating educated communities where families thrive, and babies' lives are valued and welcomed. Your gift provides tangible support like counselling, ultrasounds, maternity and baby supplies, postpartum care, and so much more to vulnerable women and families facing unplanned pregnancy.

## Want to share news in the Wednesday Weekly?

Email <u>reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca</u> by **NOON** on Tuesday.

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

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