



The Roman Catholic

Diocese of
Prince George

Wednesday Weekly

Quarterly Special Edition

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“Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

-Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

Upcoming Dates

- April 9, 2025: Chrism Mass
- April 13, 2025: Palm Sunday
- April 18, 2025: Good Friday
- April 19, 2025: Holy Saturday
- April 20, 2025: Resurrection of the Lord

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News from around the Diocese

Jubilee News from Prince Rupert

Family Day, Feb. 17, 2025 (Annunciation Parish)

Mass was celebrated at 9:00 am with over 50 parishioners in attendance. Around 30+ walked down to the old train station now a pub, praying the rosary. From there we walked to Cow Bay and enjoyed coffee together. It was a blast! The weather was perfect, a bit cold but full sunshine made the walk a delightful experience.

At the Mass we sang the Jubilee song and Fr. Terry explained the Jubilee poster and the meaning of the Jubilee year. We used a special Eucharistic prayer, God guides His Church along the Way of Salvation, and after the Mass prayed the rosary as we walked through the city streets (that were mostly empty due to the holiday nature.) However, many who were out and about, saw a nice group of devoted Catholics praying, smiling and happy.



God blessed us with a beautiful day and the parish family of Annunciation were happy together and blessed with a Jubilee blessing.

Chrism Mass – April 9, 2025

Clergy, religious and lay faithful from across the diocese will gather with Bishop Stephen Jensen for the annual Chrism Mass at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Chrism Mass will be followed by a reception. Those attending are invited to bring a plate of snacks to share and are asked to put the snack on the designated table in the lower hall before Mass.

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The Chrism Mass and Renewal of Priestly Promises

Sacred Heart Cathedral
Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 7:00 PM

JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

LIVE @cathedralpg FM Radio 102.5

Everyone is welcome to join our diocesan community for this important celebration. During the Chrism Mass, the priests of the diocese renew their commitment to priestly ministry. The Oil of the Sick, Oil of the

Catechumens, and Sacred Chrism for use in the celebration of sacraments throughout the year are also blessed and consecrated by Bishop Stephen Jensen during the annual Chrism Mass.

For parishes and pastors: the cathedral will prepare number of bottles of holy oils according to the list from last year. If your parish is needing additional set of holy oils, please e-mail secretary@shcpg.ca.

CCCB and Petitions

CCCB Sends Letters to the Hon. Pierre Poilievre and Hon. Mark Holland Regarding Charitable Status and MAiD

On March 10, 2025, the CCCB sent two letters to the federal government. The first, addressed to the Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Conservative Party Leader and Leader of the Official Opposition, was regarding concerns about proposals made by the federal Standing Committee on Finance to change eligibility criteria for charitable status. Such changes would make it so that organizations which support the advancement of religion or pro-life initiatives will no longer be eligible for charitable status.

The second letter, addressed to the Hon. Mark Holland, Minister of Health, was regarding a recently-concluded “national consultation” on expanding Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in view of introducing advance requests.

Both letters can be found attached to the Wednesday Weekly, or via the CCCB website at the following links:

- <https://www.cccb.ca/justice-and-peace/citizenship-and-the-common-good/> (update to the “What’s New” link)
- <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/suffering-and-end-of-life/euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide/>

CitizenGo Petition to the Government to Keep Charitable Tax Status for Religious Charities and Organizations

A petition to Finance Minister Leblanc to allow religious charities and organizations to remain eligible for charitable tax status has been started on the CitizenGo platform.

Please consider signing the petition here: <https://www.citizenngo.org/en-ca/fr/15041-save-our-charities-and-churches>

For further reading on the subject, consider these following articles and Cardinal Leo’s letter to Minister Leblanc:

- Lifesite News: https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/torontos-cardinal-leo-urges-trudeau-government-not-to-touch-tax-status-of-pro-life-religious-groups/?utm_source=editions_menu&utm_campaign=usa&changed=346093210
- Cardinal Leo’s Letter: https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/archdiocese-of-toronto-main-site/files/archbishop-leo/hon.-dominic-leblanc--february-21-2025.pdf?mkt_tok=OTA3LU9EWS0wNTEAAAGZQodyluM-pyicMjTKHlgmDVu2MQKuQdm35IXozOk-kLgAdUT4fj-Qte68bziGv1-luLOBBbM49KgZUWkadO8NmvlfzTo7Hef3kBOCHFTQakBGlcjM5U
- Western Standard: https://www.westernstandard.news/opinion/baklinski-faith-under-fire-what-it-would-mean-if-ottawa-ended-religious-charitable-tax-exemption/61310?mkt_tok=OTA3LU9EWS0wNTEAAAGZQodylsDTI_rYXtrn-cjG0XGIVVYYVAVIEv8KpUcUFUTA-Mfl-A793wpXHMpfVA7b4F0LvWouqfzKaHKpGJ1RezuRuK6jBjLbTlgMuBn3RAIk27oQk

Pro-Life and Charity

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: rvkamloops@yahoo.ca

PRINCE GEORGE RETREATS STARTING IN 2025 - STAY TUNED

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

Or Adele at St Mary's email: rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me

Prayer and Lenten Resources

Reason to Hope – Lenten Mission at Christ Our Saviour

A Lenten Mission, presented by Rev. Emmanuel Onumadu will take place at Christ Our Saviour from March 27th to March 28th, 2025. It will begin with Holy Mass at 5:30 PM and run until 7:00 PM each day.

All are welcome to participate in this Lenten Mission.

Lenten Reconciliation
at
St. Mary's
PARISH

Thursday, April 3rd, starting with
Taize Prayer at 6:30 PM, followed
by Reconciliation at 7:00 PM.

Lenten Reconciliation at St. Mary's Parish, PG

St. Mary's Parish in Prince George will be offering a Lenten Reconciliation on Thursday, April 3rd. It will begin with a Taize prayer at 6:30 PM followed by Reconciliation at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.



Lenten Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Snows, Fort St. James

There will be a Lenten Reconciliation service at Our Lady of the Snows in Fort St. James on April 3rd at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Monthly Day of Adoration – April 9, 2025

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus on **Wednesday April 9th, 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 6:00 PM** for a day of silent prayer and adoration.


Please note that we will close the Day at an earlier hour because of the Chrism Mass to be celebrated that same evening [**7 PM**] at Sacred Heart Cathedral, so that we all may attend this important annual diocesan celebration.

We will pray for the universal Church and the world, for our Priests and Bishop, and for the people and needs of our Diocese. In particular we will also 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.

Journey through Lent

The CCCB has released new 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: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CHURCH



LENTEN RECONCILIATION

SPEAKER: FR PIER PANDOLFO
 CONFESSIONS: FR PRABHAKAR THATIGATLA,
 FR PIER PANDOLFO &
 FR RAJU

April 3, 2025 | @7pm

Come to me and I will give you rest

Retreats

Women's Retreat – April 25th to 26th, 2025



Are you longing to grow deeper in the Joy of God's Love?
Join God's Unfinished Works of Art as they lead us to discover and explore how we are truly Women of Resurrection.

Where: Domano Renewal Centre

All women are invited!!

When: Friday, April 25th Welcome at 6:30 pm Saturday, April 26th 8 am - 3:30 pm
Mass

Adoration & Confession

Breakfast, Coffee Breaks & Lunch included - all for \$30

Contact: Jacinta Meir 604-819-2010

Grief to Grace Retreat



or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

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 griegtograckelowna@gmail.com

Jubilee 2025

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>

Youth and Young Adult Events

Belove Springtime Night!

Girls in Grade 5 to 8 are invited to a night of fellowship and prayer on April 4th, 2025 at the Domano Renewal Centre from 6 to 8 PM. Please contact belovereolutionbc@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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 Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia.

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



Employment Opportunities

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG) has begun recruiting for the 2025-26 School Year

We ask for your prayers and help to find Catholic certified teachers for our 8 Catholic Schools, all 8 schools have vacancies. CISPG hires non-Catholics with the expectation they understand and are respectful to Catholic values and lifestyle.

Teaching vacancies and the application forms can be found at <http://cispg.ca/careers/>

Accounting Clerk – Diocesan Pastoral Centre

We will soon have a position opening in the Finance Office at the Pastoral Centre for an Accounting Clerk. This is a junior position, working with the Senior Accounting Clerk and reporting to the Delegate for Finance and Administration.

This is a full-time permanent position, on-site at the Pastoral Centre for 35 hours per week. It entails managing our payables, processing deposits, producing tax receipts, ensuring filing is up-to-date, dealing with inquiries to the Finance Office, assisting with reception and assisting the Senior Accounting Clerk with other tasks as needed. It requires good organization and communication skills and familiarity with standard bookkeeping practices.

We offer a pleasant working environment and a good benefits program. Salary will be commensurate with experience and education.

Please send your resume to jfowlie@pgdiocese.bc.ca.

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.

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"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.