

Wednesday Weekly December 6, 2017

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WHEN APPLICABLE—please ensure that the following items are in your bulletin and/or are also ANNOUNCED.

***For the city**For all parishes in THE DIOCESE**

This will ensure that the same information is being heard across **the diocese.**

THANK YOU



Make straight the path of the Lord

Mark 1.1-16

ATTACHMENTS:

- Called Together—Giving, Sharing Serving Update
- 4th Annual Christmas Coffee House- Youth Poster
- Penitential Services for the City of PG Poster



1. ****RECEIVE ALL DIOCESAN NEWS DIRECTLY IN YOUR INBOX OR ON YOUR PHONE:** Email Teresa at reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca OR TEXT pgd TO 514-900-0130 to join Flocknote – it 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.

2. **** CALLED TOGETHER –GIVING, SHARING, SERVING** –Please continue to encourage those who have not yet made a pledge to consider making a contribution to ***Called Together***. Thank you.

3. ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES IN THE CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE:

PARISH	DATE	TIME
St Mary's	Sunday, December 10, 2017	2:30 PM
Immaculate Conception	Tuesday, December 19, 2017	7:00 PM
Christ Our Saviour	Wednesday, December 20, 2017	7:00 PM
Sacred Heart Cathedral	DAILY	30 minutes before Mass

Parishioners of Sacred Heart Cathedral who would like to celebrate an Advent Penitential Service are invited and welcome to attend any of the above mentioned services. See poster.

4. **HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION:** On Sundays and other holydays of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. They are also to abstain from such work or business that would inhibit the worship to be given to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day or the due relaxation of mind and body. (Can 1247)

In Canada there are two holydays of obligation:

- January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- December 25, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Check out this site: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/go-to-mass-on-sunday-and-on-christmas-bishops-say-32938>

5. **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:** We are missing a few Mass Times for the Christmas Octave schedule of 2017. Teresa will be emailing you—Please respond ASAP and then these will be posted on our website at <http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/mass-schedule/seasonal-mass-times-christmaseaster/>

6. **MONTHLY DAY OF EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus **Tuesday, December 12, 2017** in 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 the people and needs of our Diocese. In particular we will pray for the protection of all human life, for vocations, and for the intentions of those participating in the day. Please mark your calendar on the second Tuesday of each month for Personal Dates with Jesus days.

7. **SIMBANG GABI (FILIPINO “NIGHT MASS”):** A devotional nine-day series of Masses practiced by Roman Catholics in anticipation of Christmas and to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Filipino Canadian Community in the City of Prince George will be celebrating nine evenings to be held on December 15 to 23, 2017 at 7:00 PM Sacred Heart Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

8. **CHRISTMAS EVE MASS WITH TRADITIONAL FRENCH CHRISTMAS HYMNS** celebrated by Bishop Stephen Jensen at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Sunday, the 24th of December at 9:00 PM. Hymns will begin at 8:45 PM. After the Mass, you are invited to the lower hall for a "Réveillon" until 11:00 PM. Please bring a plate of food to share on this joyous Christmas Eve! The choir practices will be at the Cathedral on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM and Tuesday, December 19 at 5:00 to 7:00 PM. To join the choir, please phone Le Cercle des Canadiens Français at 250-561-2565 or Eveline at 250-612-7200. We look forward to seeing you!

MESSE DE NOËL AVEC DES CANTIQUES TRADITIONNELS DE NOËL EN FRANÇAIS, célébrée par Monseigneur Stephen Jensen à la Cathédrale Sacred Heart, dimanche le 24 décembre à 21h. Les cantiques débiteront à 20h45. Après la Messe, venez au sous-sol pour un Réveillon de Noël jusqu'à 23h. Veuillez SVP apporter un plateau de pâtisseries ou autres pour partager en cette joyeuse nuit de Fête! Les pratiques de la chorale seront à la Cathédrale, le mardi 12 décembre de 18h30 à 20h30 et le mardi 19 décembre de 17h à 19h. Pour joindre la chorale, SVP contactez Le Cercle des Canadiens Français au 250-561-2565 ou Eveline 250-612-7200. Nous avons hâte de vous voir!

9. **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:**

- **HERE ARE THE TEACHING POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE WITH CISPG go to:**
<http://cispg.ca/cispg/careers/>

Evangelization and Formation

1. NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT--A STUDY OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, WITH FR. BASIL BURNS:

Please note a change in our regular schedule for our next session, and mark your calendars for the start-up date in the new year! Sessions will again be every other week starting January 24th and 25th.

Next session (last session of 2017):

Wednesday, December 13 @ 10:30 AM—Daytime option at Christ Our Saviour Parish

Thursday, December 14 @ 6:30 PM—Evening option at Emmaus House (by the Domano Chapel, at the Diocesan Centre)

January 2018 schedule start date:

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 @ 10:30 AM—Daytime option at Christ Our Saviour Parish

Thursday, January 25, 2018 @ 6:30 PM—Evening option at Emmaus House

You are invited to attend whichever session best suits your schedule. A suggested donation of \$5 per session is requested to help defray costs. For those of you who feel called to greater community and a deeper faith life, please come! Newcomers are always welcome to attend.

YOUTH

1. **DATE FOR DYC 2018 April 20-22, 2018** in Prince George, BC. Details to come over the next several months but for now, mark those calendars!

FOR ALL AGES

1. **4th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COFFEEHOUSE FUNDRAISER** – In collaboration with the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry and the John Paul II Club at UNBC, we will be hosting a coffeehouse fundraiser to support our young adults travelling to the RISE UP conference in Ottawa this year. Book your calendars for **Sunday, December 17 @ 7 PM at the Art Space in PG!** See poster.

