

Wednesday Weekly December 13, 2017

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017
THIRD 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

ATTACHMENTS:

- **National Collections Schedule for 2018 and 2019**



Among you stands one whom you do not know.

John 1.6-8, 19-28



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. **FINANCE OFFICE REQUEST: Timesheets are due Noon, December 20, 2017 for the Dec 9 – Dec 22, 2017 Pay Period.** Payworks offices are closed on Christmas and Boxing Day, the deadline for processing the December 29, 2017 pay date's payroll is December 22, 2017. In order to insure that our payroll is completed on time, we need to have everyone's timesheets in by Noon on December 20, 2017.

If we do not receive your timesheet on a timely basis, you may not be paid until the January 12, 2018 pay date.

Please include an estimate of your hours for December 20, 21 and 22, 2017 on your timesheet. If you work fewer or more hours than you have estimated, please provide us with an amended timesheet the first week of January 2018. Any adjustments required will be processed on the January 12, 2018 pay date.

If you have any questions, please contact Catherine at your convenience. Thank you.

4. **NATIONAL COLLECTIONS SCHEDULE:** Please see attached for the 2018 and 2019 Collection dates.

5. **ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES IN THE CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE:**

PARISH	DATE	TIME
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.

6. **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>

7. **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:** Find them on our website at <http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/mass-schedule/seasonal-mass-times-christmaseaster/>

8. **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.

9. **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!

10. **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.

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 cover 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 AND YOUNG ADULTS

1. **THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAP:** Will take place Saturday, the 16th of December at 9:00 AM at the Diocesan Centre in the Conference Room. All youth, grades 7 and up and young adults are invited to come and help assemble gift hampers for families. A pizza lunch will be provided for all volunteers!
2. **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. Tonight **Sunday, December 17 @ 7 PM at the Art Space in PG!** See poster.

