

Wednesday Weekly December 20, 2017



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*You will conceive in your
womb and bear a son.*

Luke 1. 26-38

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD DECEMBER 25, 2017

*"For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace."*



Christmas 2017
Let us celebrate the Birth of Our Lord Jesus
and the ways He manifested
the presence of God among us
with joy, peace, and love.
Merry Christmas
and a
Blessed New Year!
From the Staff of the Diocesan Pastoral Center



*The shepherds found Mary and Joseph,
and the child lying in the manger.*

Luke 2.15-20

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:

- Called Together –Giving, Sharing, Serving Update
- Called Together—Christmas greeting
- Employment Opportunities
 - DRC Office Assistant
 - DRC Custodian

PASTORAL CENTER OFFICE HOURS

- **Closed on Friday, December 22, 2017 at Noon**
- **Open on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 8:30 AM**

The next Wednesday Weekly Publication will be January 3, 2018.



****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.

1. **** CALLED TOGETHER –GIVING, SHARING, SERVING** –Please see the attached update. Continue to encourage those who have not yet made a pledge to consider making a contribution to *Called Together*. Thank you. See attached greeting for parishioners. Please print and post in your church foyer.
2. **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>

3. **2017 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS:** Donations eligible for a 2017 donation tax receipt must be received by the parish on or before December 31, 2017 and dated for 2017. The cheques do not have to be deposited in the bank in December.

Appeal Donations received by the Parish - Please contact Armand Sadiwa by Friday, January 5, 2017 at 250-964-4424 ext 2103 or email asadiwa@pgdiocese.bc.ca to let him know if you have received any 2017 donations for the Appeal during the Octave of Christmas. He also needs to know if there were **no** donations during that period of time. Please send 2017 Appeal donations as soon as possible. Donations will be processed and tax receipts printed as soon as we have received all of the donations from the parishes.

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

5. **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:**

- POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE GO TO:
<http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/>
 - DRC Office Assistant
 - DRC Custodian
- POSITION 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. **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!