

Wednesday Weekly January 3, 2018

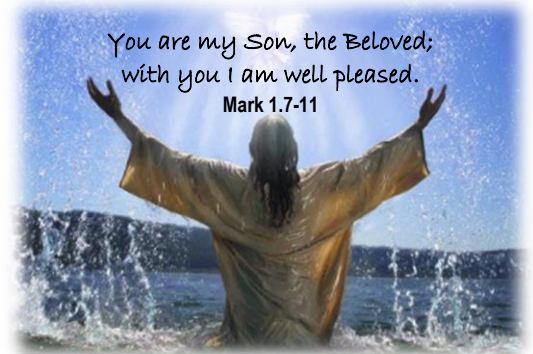


SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*We have come from the East to
pay homage to the King*
Matthew 2. 1-12

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
MANY BLESSINGS FOR 2018!

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018
BAPTISM OF THE LORD



You are my Son, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased.
Mark 1.7-11

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

1. ATTACHMENTS:

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

****TO 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:** – As of today, January 3, 2018, **Called Together** has reached 86.80% of the Diocesan goal in pledges, for a total of \$347,195.



Annunciation Parish, Prince Rupert and Christ Our Saviour Parish, Prince George are the two parishes that have recently reached and surpassed their parish goal. Thank you to Frs. Terry Brock and Jack Michalchuk, their Parish Leadership Teams, and parishioners for their commitment to Called Together.

5 parishes are over 100% of their parish goal:

- St. Patrick's Parish – 176.85%
- St. Mary's Parish, PG – 109.70%
- St. Andrew's Parish – 104.35%
- Annunciation Parish – 104.27%
- Christ Our Saviour Parish – 101.92%

2 parishes are over 90% of their parish goal

- Immaculate Conception Parish – 93.84%
- St. Joseph's Parish, Vanderhoof – 90.53%

1 parish is over 80% of its parish goal:

- Sacred Heart Parish, Terrace

2 parishes are over 70% of their parish goal:

- Notre Dame Parish – 79.16
- Sacred Heart Cathedral – 75.47%

1 parish is over 50% of its parish goal

- Immaculata Parish – 57.87%

4 parishes are over 60% of their parish goal:

- St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers – 67%
- Church of the Resurrection – 64.49%
- Christ the King Parish – 63.12%
- St. Peter's Parish – 61.37%

The continued success of Called Together is dependent upon the participation of the many parishioners across the diocese. Our sincere thanks to all who have sent in their pledges already. We look forward to receiving the commitment of those who have not yet participated to this year's Appeal.

3. **WE WARMLY WELCOME** Sister Maria Rosviminda Ochoa, RVM to the Diocese Prince George. Sr. Rosviminda is from the Congregation of the Religious of the Blessed Virgin Mary (RVM).

Sr. Rosviminda (Vinda) is a Social Worker. Most recently she was a Pastoral Worker for five years in the Diocese of Victoria, BC. She worked in Duncan for four years, and one year in Ahousaht, West Coast with the First Nations People. In the Philippines she lived and worked as a Junior Sister for four years in a community of displaced aboriginal families (aetas).

Sr. Vinda will be assigned to hospital ministry and temporarily providing assistance at Shepherd's Corner. She will be residing at the Domano Renewal Center.

As we welcome Sr. Vinda to the diocese we pray that her ministry will be fulfilling, and the people she ministers to will be enriched with her presence and support.



4. **FR. MIGUEL RABINO CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD:**



On January 13, 2018, will be his **25th Anniversary**. You are invited to a Eucharistic Celebration on **Sunday, January 14, 2018, 5:30 PM** at Sacred Heart Cathedral. There will be a reception to follow. All are welcome to come and celebrate with Fr. Rabino.

Fr. Rabino is currently fulfilling hospital ministry in the University of Northern British Columbia Hospital in Prince George and assisting at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

5. **WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE:** In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on the 2nd of February. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. **SAVE THE DATE--** Mass will be celebrated on Friday, February 2, 2018 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. More details to come.

6. NEWS AND REQUESTS FROM THE FINANCE AND PAYROLL DEPARTMENT:

IMPORTANT

- **WCB**

2017 Annual Report of all payments made directly to individuals or to contractors who are NOT registered with WorkSafeBC is due. Please send the list of names and the amounts paid to each person in the 2017 calendar year to Payroll Services by January 10.

- **T4-As**

We must issue a T4-A to an individual if the total of all payments made directly to the individual (not through payroll) in the calendar year was more than \$500. This includes anyone who considers themselves self-employed and has the payment made to them in their personal name. Payments include, but are not limited to lump-sum payments, retiring allowances, fees or other amounts for service. For the diocese, the most common payments would be; honorariums for presenters, moving costs for new employees, and payments for services such as: cleaning, snow removal, gardening, organist, and other miscellaneous tasks.

Please provide Payroll Services with the name, address, social insurance number and the total amount paid to each person in the 2017 calendar year so that a T4-A can be generated. This information must be provided by January 22, 2018, as T4-As must be sent out by February 28, 2018.

If you have any questions please call Lynn Monteith at 250 964-5646 or e-mail lynn-monteith@pgdiocese.bc.ca.

7. **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.

8. **APPEAL DONATIONS RECEIVED BY THE PARISH:-** Please contact Armand Sadiwa by Friday, January 5, 2018 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.

9. **MONTHLY DAY OF EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus **Tuesday, January 9, 2018** 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.

10. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

- POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE GO TO:

<http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/>

- DRC Office Assistant
- DRC Custodian

- 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 24 & 25, 2018.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS

1. **FAITH STUDIES:** We will be starting our faith study groups for all young adults ages 18-30. These small groups will explore the basics of the Catholic Christian faith. Regardless of your faith background, or where you are at, we invite you to join us. Bring your questions! These six-week studies meet for one hour each week at a location and time that works for you.

REGISTER TODAY AT www.ccofaithstudies.ca or email youth@pgdiocese.bc.ca .

Register by January 19, 2018!

2. **UNBC CAMPUS MASS:** Will be starting again, and be held regularly on Thursdays at 12:15 PM in the Interfaith Chaplaincy.

3. **JANUARY 2018 SUMMIT EVENT**

Where: Domano Chapel (6500 Southridge Avenue)

When: Friday, January 19, 2018 @ 7:00 -9:00 PM

What: Come and BE STILL for a night of prayer, praise and worship, and adoration away from the BUSYNESS of life. There will be a testimony, short reflection, and an opportunity for reconciliation.

This is a primarily young adult event, but all are welcome!

YOUTH

1. **DYC 2018** is happening April 20-22, 2018. STAY TUNED! We will announce our keynote speaker and theme shortly.
2. **YOUTH ALPHA:** Some parishes in our diocese are launching this programs for teens in 2018. If you are interested in hosting Youth Alpha in your parish this coming year, it's not too late to start! Email ejoyce@pgdiocese.bc.ca for more info.