

# Wednesday Weekly

## November 30, 2016



**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:**

- **Appeal Update – November 30, 2016**

1. **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:** A reminder – Please submit all of your Mass times for the Christmas Octave via email to Teresa at [reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca)
2. **REACHING OUT IN MERCY, DIOCESAN APPEAL 2016-17-NOVEMBER 30, 2016 UPDATE** We have reached **85.8%** or **\$343,296** of its total in pledges, coming from **1367** donors across our Diocese. Thank you. Please see attached report for further details.

A second letter has been sent to all of the parishioners who have not yet made a donation to the Appeal. Pastors, please continue to encourage your parishioners to give generously. Remember that all funds raised in excess of the parish goal, goes back directly to the parish for a parish project.

A Christmas greeting card with a thank you note will be sent to all who have donated to date. The card is being sent on behalf of the pastor, the Appeal Director and the Bishop.

3. **200 YEARS OF OBLATES– DECEMBER 8, 2016** - Prince George Diocese is one of the many dioceses that the Oblates continue to serve.

**To celebrate the Oblate bicentennial in our diocese there will be Mass on December 8, 2016 on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral.** Bishop Jensen will be the main celebrant, Fr. Ken Forester OMI, Oblate Provincial will also be present, along with Oblate priests and other clergy in the diocese.

City parishes are asked not to schedule an evening Mass on that day, but invite parishioners to come to the celebration at the cathedral. A reception will follow the Mass.



**\*\* Calling all Music Ministers**— practices for this celebration will be Monday, December 5 at 7:00 PM and December 8 at 6:00 PM. **\*\***



**Please join us.**

4. **CHRISTMAS EVE MASS WITH TRADITIONAL FRENCH CHRISTMAS HYMNS** celebrated by Bishop Stephen Jensen, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Prince George, on December 24, at 9:00 PM. Hymns will begin at 8:45 PM. After the Mass, all are invited downstairs for a "Réveillon" - gathering until 11:00 PM. Please bring a plate of food to share on this joyous Christmas Night! Choir practices will be at the Sacred Heart on Friday, December 16 and Thursday, December 22 at 6:30 PM. To join the choir, please phone Le Cercle des Canadiens Français at 250-561-2565 or Eveline at 250-967-0146.

**MESSE DE NOËL AVEC DES CANTIQUES TRADITIONNELS DE NOËL EN FRANÇAIS** célébrée par Monseigneur Stephen Jensen, à la Cathédrale Sacred Heart de Prince George, le 24 décembre à 21:00. Les cantiques débiteront à 20:45. Après la Messe, vous êtes invités au sous-sol de la Cathédrale pour un Réveillon de Noël jusqu'à 23:00. 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 vendredi 16 décembre et le jeudi 22 décembre à 18:30. Pour joindre la chorale, svp contactez Le Cercle des Canadiens Français au 250-561-2565 ou Eveline 250-967-0146.

5. **AN EVENING OF REFLECTION ON CHRISTIAN FUNERALS AND BURIALS** with Very Rev. Rectorino Tolentino, Jr. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM

This evening is intended for:

- funeral directors and anyone involved with arranging funerals, burials, and burial of the ashes in cases of cremation
- those whose funeral plans are included in their Last Will and Testament
- anyone interested in this topic

Important information will be shared based on the recently published instructions given by the Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith and guidelines given by the Bishops of British Columbia and Yukon.

Very Rev. Rectorino Tolentino, Jr. is the Vicar General and Chairman of the Liturgy Commission for the Diocese of Prince George. This will be available Live Stream.

To register: email Jasmin Sadiwa at [jsadiwa@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:jsadiwa@pgdiocese.bc.ca) or

Go to our website at: <http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/liturgy-2/>

Fee: by donation for materials

## Office of Evangelization and Catechesis



### HEARTS TRANSFORMED UPDATE:

The next meeting in Prince George will be held on December 8, 2016 from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre on the Conference Room (old library). This will cover Module 5.

We look forward to journeying with you. If you have other questions contact Angelo at [asabbadin@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:asabbadin@pgdiocese.bc.ca) or (250) 964-4424 ext 230

### YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS NEWS:

- 1. RISE UP VANCOUVER – CONFIRM YOUR SPOT ON THE RISE UP BUS** – We now have 3 spots left on the bus to the RISE UP Conference in Vancouver. Calling all young adults 18-35! We are inviting all young adults to join us for a fantastic opportunity. RISE UP is an annual national conference put on by Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) taking place from December 28 – January 1. It is the largest young adult gathering for Catholics in Canada. This year, RISE UP will be taking place in Vancouver at the stunning Westin Bayshore hotel. We have been privileged to receive funding towards a charter bus leaving from Prince George for this conference from the provincial Knights of Columbus. Head to [www.cco.ca/riseup](http://www.cco.ca/riseup) for all information or email [ehii@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:ehii@pgdiocese.bc.ca) if you would like to secure your seat on the bus! Spots are limited – only 3 spots remain. Don't miss this amazing opportunity.
- 2. CHRISTMAS COFFEEHOUSE** – We're back...with the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Christmas Coffeehouse. This year, the Coffeehouse will be Sunday, December 18 at 7PM at the Artspace above Books & Company. We will feature local musicians, poets, and artists. Come out and enjoy a hot cup of coffee, home-made treats, and talented individuals in this coming Christmas season. Tickets are \$7/person or \$25/family at the door. All proceeds go towards the 26 UNBC students and young people who are signed up to attend the RISE UP conference in Vancouver.
- 3. ON CAMPUS MASS** – We continue to have UNBC Campus Mass with Fr. Jack Michalchuk. Campus Mass will be Wednesdays at 12:30 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the library in the ERC room. Our last campus Mass for the semester will be Wednesday, December 14.
- 4. DYC 2017 – SAVE THE DATE! DYC 2017 will be April 21-23, 2017 in Prince George. Mark your calendars. More details to come**