

Wednesday Weekly

December 7, 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 – December 7, 2016

1. **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:** Are now posted on the Diocesan Webpage.
2. **REACHING OUT IN MERCY, DIOCESAN APPEAL 2016-17-DECEMBER 7, 2016 UPDATE** We have reached **88.4%** or **\$353,491** of its total in pledges, coming from **1393** donors across our Diocese. Thank you. Please see attached report for further details. Be sure to fill in the percentage on your thermometer.

Reminder: 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. **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.

4. **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 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 January 12, 2016 from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre on the Conference Room (old library). This will cover Module 6.

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

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS NEWS:

- 1. CHRISTMAS COFFEEHOUSE** – We're back...with the 3rd Annual Christmas Coffeehouse. This year, the coffeehouse will be Sunday, December 18 at 7:00 PM 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.
- 2. 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 3rd floor of the library in the ERC room. Our last campus Mass for the semester will be Wednesday, December 14.
- 3. DYC 2017 – SAVE THE DATE! DYC 2017 will be April 21-23, 2017 in Prince George. Mark your calendars. More details to come**