

Wednesday Weekly

November 7, 2018

NOVEMBER 11, 2018
32ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY
TIME

The poor widow has put
in more than all the rest.
Mark 12.38-44



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**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS OF WEDNESDAY WEEKLY NEWS IS NOON ON TUESDAY; PLEASE EMAIL mprimus@pgdiocese.bc.ca

ATTACHMENTS

- Called Together – Weekly update of November 7, 2018
- Advent Reconciliation Services for city parishes
- CIS employment opportunity ads:
 - Finance Officer
 - Finance Clerk

TO RECEIVE ALL DIOCESAN NEWS DIRECTLY IN YOUR INBOX OR ON YOUR PHONE:
Email 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.

PLEASE NOTE

The Diocesan Pastoral Centre receptionist, Teresa, is away on a medical leave.
Carla Wolitski is temporarily covering the reception desk duties
Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

1. ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES FOR CITY PARISHES: Please see poster

2. MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE: Our Office will be closed on Monday, November 12, 2018 in Observance of Remembrance Day, this leaves only one day to complete payroll. **Please ensure that you send in your timesheet for the period October 27 to November 9, 2018 by Friday, November 9, 2018 at the latest.**

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

3. PASTORAL APPOINTMENT NOVEMBER 2018: Rev. Alvin Matias has been appointed Temporary Parish Administrator of St. Andrew's Parish and Missions, Fraser Lake effective November 10, 2018. While Rev. Matias will remain assigned as Pastor of St. Peter's Parish, Mackenzie, he will reside in Fraser Lake during this assignment. St. Peter's Parish will be served by priests from the City of Prince George during this time, specifically for Sunday Mass.

Rev. Vince James, OMI will be on a medical leave and will be residing outside the diocese.

4. CALLED TOGETHER—GIVING, SHARING, SERVING 2018-19 UPDATE:

Good news! Two parishes have reached their parish goal:

- St. Mary's Parish, Prince George
- Immaculate Conception Parish, Prince George

We thank Fathers Gilbert Bertrand, OMI and Chris Lynch; the parishioners of St. Mary's Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish for their commitment to reaching their parish goals.

The Appeal Office would like to remind all parishes that any amount raised beyond its goal will be returned to the parish 100% and can be used for any parish projects.

As of today, we have reached in pledges 70.05% or \$280,199 of the \$400,000 Diocesan Goal.

3 parishes have reached 80% or more of their parish goal:

- Notre Dame Parish, Dawson Creek – 84.33%
- Christ Our Saviour Parish, Prince George – 83.57%
- Annunciation Parish, Prince Rupert – 82.43%

2 parishes have reached 70% or more of their parish goal:

- St. Andrew's Parish, Fraser Lake – 73.25%
- St. Patrick's Parish, McBride – 70.31%

3 parishes have reached 50% or more of their parish goal:

- Sacred Heart Parish, Terrace – 69.04%
- Immaculata Parish, Burns Lake – 52.37%
- St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers – 52.29%

THANK YOU for your support to the needs of the parishes, schools and missions in our diocese. Your generous support to **Called Together** also benefits the Youth and Young Adult Ministry and the work of evangelization and formation in our diocese. We look forward to reaching 100% of our diocesan goal and rely on the generosity of parishioners across the diocese. Please continue to invite undecided households/parishioners to make a pledge to **Called Together**.

See attached weekly update – November 7, 2018.

5. ****MASS FOR THE DECEASED CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS:** On November 20, 2018 at 5:30 PM there will be a Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral with Bishop Jensen and the priests of the diocese to remember and pray for all our deceased priests and religious who have served our diocese.

6. **ARE YOU A YOUNG MAN WHO BELIEVES GOD IS CALLING YOU TO SERVE GOD?** If so, here will be Live-In weekend on November 16-18, 2018 at the Seminary of Christ the King. For more information call Fr. Terry Brock, Vocations Director at [\(250\)624-3035](tel:(250)624-3035) or go to <http://sck.ca/vocations/vocation-live-in/>

7. **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- CISPg – See attached ads or go to <http://cispg.ca/cispg/careers/>
 - Finance Officer
 - Finance Clerk

Evangelization and Formation

YOUTH

1. **YOUTH GRADES 7-12:** Are welcome to attend St. Mary's Youth Group on Wednesday, **November 14, 2018 from 6:30-8:30 PM in the St. Mary's School Gym.** The group seeks to empower youth to take leadership roles in outreach projects, social gatherings, spiritual enrichment, and recreational fun! It also strives to support parents through networking.
2. **PRAYER REQUEST!** The road trip to Saskatoon for FacetoFace's "United" Conference is full and ready to go. Please keep this road trip in your prayers from November 15 to 20, 2018, and continue pray for the 9 teenagers, as well as all the other youth who are attending. We are excited that we have this opportunity to witness and to experience what will be transforming stepping stones in the lives of these young people who are seeking Christ.

YOUNG ADULTS:

1. **SUMMIT: "HIS INFINITE OCEAN OF MERCY":** Join us on Friday, November 23rd at 7pm at Immaculate Conception (3285 Cathedral Ave) for Summit! The theme of November's Summit is "His Infinite Ocean of Mercy!" This is a night of testimonies from young adults, a reflection given by Fr. Chris, an hour of Adoration with praise and worship music, confession, all followed by fellowship!

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE UPDATE:

Please include the following in your Sunday Announcements:

- You are invited to attend the retreat, "*The Word Made Flesh -- An Advent Meditation,*" at the Domano Renewal Centre from Friday, November 30th to Sunday, December 2nd. The retreat will have a special focus on walking with the Blessed Mother, who was the first one who most truly and deeply prepared for the coming of Jesus. Please mark your calendar and register through the diocesan website.

- Please consider attending the DRC course, **“My Inmost Being...”: St. Thomas Aquinas on the Inner Workings of the Soul**. Morning and evening sessions are available on Thursdays, with the final session on November 22. Pre-registration is not required. It would be helpful, but not necessary, to view previous sessions online through the diocesan website to gain context for the remaining sessions.

DRC Bulletin insert:

DRC COURSE OFFERING : NOV.1 – 22, 2018,

Drop-in attendance is still welcome! If you have missed any of the classes, it would be helpful (but not necessary) to view the previous course videos on-line. Please view the previous sessions at <http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/past-programs-videos-series/>

“My Inmost Being...”: St. Thomas Aquinas on the Inner Workings of the Soul

We find ourselves in a very confused world that is uncertain of its identity, but the Church has saintly guides that can lead us to reliable answers about personality and the nature of the soul. Pope Pius XI wrote of St. Thomas Aquinas: *“Just as it was said to the Egyptians of old in time of famine: ‘Go to Joseph,’ so that they should receive a supply of corn from him to nourish their bodies, so we now say to all such as are desirous of the truth: ‘Go to Thomas,’ and ask him to give you from his storehouse the food of solid teaching to nourish your souls for heaven.”* Please come to this short 4-course series in philosophy, theology and the spiritual life taught by Fr. Basil Burns, PhD, who wrote his doctoral dissertation on the thought of St. Thomas.

Remaining dates and times:

- Thursday, November 8: The Intellect, Will & the Spiritual Life
- Thursday, November 15: The Emotions & the Spiritual Life
- Thursday, November 22: The Imagination, Memory & the Spiritual Life

Option 1: Doors open at 10:45 a.m., course from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Followed by a “bring-your-own brown bag lunch” option for those who would like to stay for fellowship. Some refreshments will be provided.

Option 2: Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments and fellowship. Course is from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Please arrive and be seated by the course start time. A ten minute break will be provided in the presentation during both the daytime and evening sessions.

Location: Domano Renewal Centre, Emmaus House

Registration: Drop-ins are welcome! Watching previous sessions online is recommended but not necessary.

Suggested offering: \$20.00/session (Any offering will be accepted: no one will be turned away!)

DRC RETREAT: Start your Advent in the right spirit!

*Save
the
Date*

Please attend the retreat, ***“The Word Made Flesh -- An Advent Meditation,”*** at the Domano Renewal Centre beginning with check-in at 6:00 PM on Friday, November 30 and ending after lunch on Sunday, December 2nd. The retreat will have a special focus on walking with the Blessed Mother, who was the first one who most truly and deeply

prepared for the coming of Jesus. The retreat director will be Fr. Basil Burns, PhD.

- **Date:** November 30 – December 2, 2018
- **Time:** Registration and snacks from 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. Friday, November 30, 2018; Departure at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, December 2, 2018.
- **Location:** Domano Renewal Centre
- **Registration:** Please register online at <http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/drc-registrations/> or contact Vanya at 250-964-4475 to register. Registration deadline is Tuesday, November 27 by 12:00 noon.
- **Cost:** \$150/retreat, meals with accommodation; \$90/retreat & meals (no accommodation)

Participants are encouraged to stay as there is little doubt that this provides a more meditative spiritual experience.