

Wednesday Weekly

December 5, 2018

DECEMBER 9, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**All flesh shall see the
salvation of God.**

Luke 3.1-6

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 December 5, 2018
- SIMBANG GABI invitation poster

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.

1. UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

With the help of the Canadian bishops’ conference, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) is now addressing serious problems that have been identified with some of its partner organizations involving activities contrary to Catholic moral teaching. A letter outlining this review process is available on the diocesan website.

In the light of this progress, the western dioceses have agreed to forward the proceeds of the Share Lent collection for 2018 with the stipulation that no funds be given to any of the compromised partners in developing countries.

2. **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:** Please submit all of your Mass times for the Christmas Octave of 2018 via email to Teresa at reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca as soon as possible. Thank you

3. **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>

4. **SIMBANG GABI (FILIPINO “NIGHT MASS”):** A devotional nine-day series of Masses practiced by Roman Catholics in anticipation of Christmas and to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Filipino Canadian Community in the City of Prince George will be celebrating nine evenings to be held on December 15 to 23, 2018 at 7:00 PM Sacred Heart Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. Please see poster.
5. **CHRISTMAS EVE MASS** offered by Bishop Stephen Jensen **WITH FRENCH CHRISTMAS CAROLS, on the 24th of December at 7:00 PM, at Domano Chapel**, 6500 Southridge Ave. Christmas carols will begin at **6:45 PM**. Adults and children are invited to join the choir. **Choir practices** will be at Domano Chapel on Saturday, December 15 from 1:00 -3:00 PM, and Wednesday, December 19 from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM. If you would like to join the choir, please phone *Le Cercle des Canadiens Français* 250-561-2565 or Eveline 250-612-7200.
6. **CALLED TOGETHER—GIVING, SHARING, SERVING 2018-19 DECEMBER 5, 2018 UPDATE:**
In addition to the four parishes (Annunciation Parish, Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Mary’s Parish (PG), and St. Patrick’s Parish) who have already met, and continue to exceed their parish goal, two parishes are very close to reaching 100 % of their parish goal:
 - Notre Dame Parish, Dawson Creek
 - Christ Our Saviour Parish, Prince George.

Other parishes are continuously sending reports and making progress in reaching their goal:

- St. Andrew’ Parish, Fraser Lake – 80.95%
- Sacred Heart Cathedral – 74.37%
- Sacred Heart Parish, Terrace – 74.37%
- St. Joseph’s Parish, Vanderhoof – 61.98%
- St. Joseph’s Parish, Smithers – 58.83%
- Christ the King Parish, Kitimat – 56.70%
- Church of the Resurrection, Fort St. John – 55.58%
- Immaculata Parish, Burns Lake – 54.28%
- Holy Cross Parish, Tumbler Ridge – 52.05%

As of today, we have reached 79.50% or \$318,007 of our diocesan goal of \$400,000 in pledges. We are grateful for everyone’s participation and continue to rely on every parish in the diocese in order to reach 100% of our diocesan goal.

THANK YOU for your constant support in the promotion and the success of Called Together.

7. **UNA VOCE COMMUNITY** invites you to pray the rosary at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 1:00 PM on December 9, 2018; followed by a potluck meal (in the lower church hall). The focus will be on the season of Advent, and as such there will be an Advent-themed sermon. New faces are welcome to join. Everyone has their own reasons for learning more about our beautiful and rich Catholic tradition and it is a blessing to be together on the journey.

It is helpful to our planning if you RSVP to unavocepg@gmail.com . However, feel free to come if you do not RSVP! Kindly bring a favourite dish to share.

Una Voce Prince George is a local chapter of Una Voce International Federation. This lay organization seeks to enrich and deepen liturgical practice and participation of the faithful by

revisiting certain Sacred Traditions of our Catholic heritage. The Una Voce choir, leads the music ministry at the 11:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral every second Sunday of the month.

Evangelization and Formation

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1. **ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP:** Stay tuned for upcoming dates for meetings.

YOUNG ADULTS

1. **RISE UP CALGARY 2018 "COME AND SEE" ROAD TRIP!** The Youth and Young Adult Office will be taking a 40-seater bus from Prince George to Calgary for Catholic Christian Outreach's (CCO) annual Rise Up conference!

Young adults from the age of 18-35 are invited to join us on this amazing opportunity. This year's theme is "Come and See".

Go to <https://cco.ca/rise-up/> to sign up.

If you want a seat on that bus, contact Lisa at lvfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca OR phone 250-964-4424 (ext 2109) The bus will be leaving early Friday, the 28th of December, 2018 from PG, and returning late on Tuesday, the 1st of January 2019.

The Rise Up conference ignites faith, provides profound encounters with Christ, and changes lives! Every young adult should experience Rise Up.

And if the cost of registration seems impossible, we will help fundraise! Nothing is impossible with God!

2. **ANNUAL RISE UP CHRISTMAS COFFEEHOUSE!** You are welcome to the fifth annual Rise Up Advent Coffeehouse! We are having our Annual Rise Up Advent Coffeehouse Fundraiser on Sunday, December 16, 2018! Doors open at 6:00pm, and the show begins at 6:30pm at the Books & Company's Artspace: 222 - 1685 3rd Ave (Upstairs), Prince George, BC V2L 3G5!

It will be a night of talented local acts, delicious homemade baking, warm beverages, a silent auction for beautiful prizes, the beauty of the Advent season, and testimonies from young adults who have gone to Rise Up! Tickets are sold at the door! \$12 per adult, \$25 per family, and \$10 for students and seniors!