

# Wednesday Weekly

## December 12, 2018

**DECEMBER 16, 2018**



The crowds asked,  
“What should we do?”

Luke 3.10-18

**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](mailto:mprimus@pgdiocese.bc.ca)**

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Called Together – Weekly update of December 12, 2018
  - Appeal Christmas Greeting Card 2018
- SIMBANG GABI invitation poster

### **TO RECEIVE ALL DIOCESAN NEWS DIRECTLY IN YOUR INBOX OR ON YOUR PHONE:**

Email [reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto: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. PASTORAL CENTRE CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE:**

**Please note the office will be closed from December 24, 2018 to January 1, 2019 inclusive.**

2. **FINANCE OFFICE UPDATE:** The next pay date for diocesan employees is **December 28, 2018**. Due to the bank closures during Christmas, the pay period needs to be processed early.

Please prepare a timesheet to the end of December 21, 2018  
with your estimated hours for December 18, 19, 20 and 21.

**Forward it to Lynn AND Catherine by Noon on December 18, 2018.**

If you have more or fewer hours than your estimates, please send a timesheet marked “**AMENDED**” with your correct hours by **January 3, 2019**. Corrections will be made on the next pay date.

3. **MASS TIMES FOR THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS 2018:** can be found at  
<http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/2018-Octave-of-Christmas-Mass-times-according-to-city.pdf>

4. **HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:** On Sundays and other holy days 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>

5. **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.
6. **CHRISTMAS EVE MASS** offered by Bishop Stephen Jensen **WITH FRENCH CHRISTMAS CAROLS, on the 24<sup>th</sup> 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.
7. **CALLED TOGETHER—GIVING, SHARING, SERVING 2018-19 DECEMBER 12, 2018 UPDATE:**

**The Appeal Staff sends "greetings and gratitude" to the people of the diocese. Please print and insert the attached greeting card to your bulletin during one of the next couple of weeks leading up to Christmas.**

As of today, we have reached 81.25% or \$324,982 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.

In addition to the four parishes (Annunciation Parish, Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Mary's Parish (PG), and St. Patrick's Parish) who have 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 91.16%
- Christ Our Saviour Parish, Prince George 91.09%

Other parishes continue to send reports and are making progress in reaching their goal:

- St. Andrew' Parish, Fraser Lake – 83.93%
- Sacred Heart Parish, Terrace – 77.09%
- Sacred Heart Cathedral – 74.49%
- St. Joseph's Parish, Vanderhoof – 64.14%
- St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers – 59.46%
- Christ the King Parish, Kitimat – 58.81%
- Church of the Resurrection, Fort St. John – 61.63%
- Immaculata Parish, Burns Lake – 54.28%
- Holy Cross Parish, Tumbler Ridge – 52.05%

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

## 8. 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.

# Evangelization and Formation

## 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](mailto:lvfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca) **OR** phone 250-964-4424 (ext 2109) The bus will be leaving early Friday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018 from PG, and returning late on Tuesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> 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!