Wednesday Weekly February 20, 2019

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Luke 6. 27-38

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:

- DYC 2019 Poster for parish and school distribution
- Called Together UPDATED REPORT FOR February 20, 2019.

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

Email Teresa at <u>reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca</u> **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.

News Release from Bishop Stephen Jensen February 19, 2019

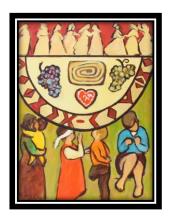
DIOCESAN OFFICES AND DRC RELOCATING

Bishop Stephen Jensen announced today that the Diocese of Prince George has accepted an offer to purchase the property on Southridge Avenue currently occupied by the Diocesan Pastoral Centre and the Domano Renewal Centre. The offer, which is subject to a number of conditions from the diocese and the purchaser, will take several months to complete.

After 17 years in its "temporary" location, the diocese will move its offices to leased space and then complete a process of planning to build a new facility for offices, conference and retreat space. The diocese owns properties in the city which would be suitable sites. We want to be good stewards of our financial resources to provide the right facilities to serve our evangelizing mission for decades to come.

There are many questions about how this future will unfold. We are only at the start of a lengthy process and further information will be shared as it becomes available.

- 1. MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE DIOCESE (PARISHES AND SCHOOLS): 2018 T4s are now available on the Payworks using your username and password.
- 2. **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WDOP)** will be held Friday, March 1, 2019 at 7:00 PM at St. Giles Presbyterian Church on 15th Avenue, across from the hospital. This ecumenical service was written by women in Slovenia. "World Day of Prayer amplifies the voices of women, their experiences and their concerns. Whether they are from the host country or those of women who have experienced injustice....We believe prayer and action are inseparable. When you participate in WDOP you are one with Christians worldwide who are praying in solidarity with the host country, Slovenia." Everyone is welcome. For more information please call Barbara Marwood 250-563-0846.



- 3. SACRED HEART SCHOOL 10TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT- Under the Sea at the Ramada Hotel on March 2, 2019. Tickets are \$55 per person or a table of 10 for \$500 and available at our school office. The evening will feature a buffet dinner with live and silent auctions to be held throughout the evening. Come out to enjoy a wonderful evening in a captivating atmosphere. You won't want to miss it!
- 4. *ST. PATRICK'S MASS: The annual Mass to anticipate the Feast of St. Patrick will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, beginning at 6:00 PM The celebrant will be Fr. Chris Lynch from Immaculate Conception Parish. All are welcome to join the Irish community in a celebration of the principal patron of Ireland. Don't forget to wear green!

SAVE the DATE 5. MARRIAGE PREPARATION: The Diocese of Prince George is hosting a Marriage Preparation weekend for couples on **April 5 – 7, 2019**. Beginning Friday evening and concluding on Sunday early afternoon.

Online registration available go to http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/marriage-preparation-retreat/.

Or for more information phone at (250) 964-4424 (ext. 2203) or email jgarden@pgdiocese.bc.ca



6. CALLED TOGETHER—GIVING, SHARING, SERVING—PLEASE SEE ATTACHED REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2019. Thank you for your continued support.

Evangelization and Formation

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE UPDATE:

Parish secretaries, kindly note changes in bulletin insert below and attached poster *

Pulpit Announcements:

- 1) There are two Thursday sessions remaining in the DRC Course, On Faith, Hope and Love. Newcomers are welcome! What are faith, hope and love, how do we acquire these virtues and make them concrete in our lives? Fr. Basil Burns will help answer these questions. Daytime and evening options are available, Thursday, February 21 and 28. Please see your bulletin or the DRC website for more details.
- 2) The DRC is hosting **Saintly March Movie Nights** on Thursday evenings, the 7, 14, 21 and 28 of March. Gather at 6:00 PM at Nazareth House at the DRC, movie to start at 6:30 PM sharp. The first movie shown will be *Paul: Apostle of Christ* (parents please be advised that there are some intense scenes of Christian persecution in this movie.) Suggested offering of \$5.00 per person.
- 1. **SAINTLY MARCH MOVIE NIGHTS:** On the Thursday the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th of March we will gather in Nazareth at 6:00 PM and the movie will begin 6:30 PM sharp. The movies will concentrate on the lives of saints. There will be a short time for discussion and fellowship after the movie. Popcorn will be provided and moviegoers are also encouraged to bring shareable snacks. The first movie shown will be *Paul: Apostle of Christ* (parents please be advised that there are some intense scenes of Christian persecution in this movie.) Nazareth House is furnished with couches and armchairs, located by the DRC office. Suggested offering of \$5.00 per person.
- 2. **FEBRUARY COURSE OFFERING: ON FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE:** According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "The theological virtues [faith, hope, and love] are the foundation of Christian moral activity; they animate it and give it its special character. They inform and give life to all the moral virtues." In short, a relationship with the Holy Trinity is based on these three virtues and is not possible without these three virtues. Pope Benedict XVI thought that the re-awakening of the theological virtues of faith, hope and love is so important for the modern church that the only official encyclicals he wrote for the entire church are on these virtues. What are faith, hope, and love? What do they look like? How do we acquire these virtues and make them concrete in our lives? Please join us as Fr. Basil Burns, PhD, helps answer these questions, leading us deeper into the heart of the Trinity.

Dates and Times: Both daytime and evening options are available. 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.

Thursday, February 21: On Hope Thursday, February 28: On Love

- Morning Option: Doors open at 10:45 AM.; session runs from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM Light refreshments will be provided.
- Evening Option: Doors open at 6:30 PM for refreshments and fellowship; session runs from 7:00

 8:30 PM

Location: Domano Renewal Centre, Emmaus House

Registration: Please register online at http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/registration-faith-hope-love/ or contact Vanya at 250-964-4475. Drop-in attendance is welcome.

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

YOUNG ADULTS

1. **UNBC CAMPUS MASS-- REMINDER:** Every Wednesday there will be Mass at the UNBC campus 12:30 PM in the Inter Faith Chaplaincy! Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Jack. All are welcome.

YOUTH

1. **St. Mary's Youth Group:** All youth in grades 7-12 and all parents of youth are welcome to attend our next St. Mary's Youth Group this Wednesday, February 20, 2019 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM in the St. Mary's School Gym. We are honoured to have Lia Mills speak to us about her personal experiences of defending the rights of women and protecting the sacredness of human life at all stages. When she was in grade seven she gave a human rights speech as part of an English assignment that went viral on YouTube leading her to speak internationally as a human rights activist. She is currently a law student at the University of Ottawa.

For more information on Lia Mills please visit: https://www.liamills.ca/

2. DYC 2019 "CALLED" May 3-5, 2019

This year's DYC is excited to have Katie Prejean McGrady as the keynote speaker along with Face2Face Ministries.



REGISTRATION IS NOW LIVE!! Head to http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/dyc-2019-registration/ to REGISTER TODAY!

Parishes, please print attached poster for your bulletins and bulletin boards.

This event is open to all in grades 7-12.

Please print attached pdf poster for parish and school distribution.

Since 2007, Katie has been traveling around North America speaking to audiences of all ages on everything from the Eucharist, pursuing a relationship with Jesus, models and methods of evangelization, ice cream flavors, and the best shows to watch on Netflix. Audiences are often challenged and excited by her talks because her presentation style is filled with humor, substantive teachings, engaging stories, and a message of encouragement as people set out to meet and fall in love with Christ and the Church.