

Wednesday Weekly

September 25, 2019

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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:

- 2019-2020 Called Together Appeal—
 - Week 4 Commitment Sunday instructions
 - 2019-09-25 Update
- 2019 Diocesan Convocation
 - Schedule
 - Accommodations
 - Retirement Planning Session Poster(s) for Diocesan Employees
- 2019 Western Conference for Liturgy poster
 - Session Information
 - Schedule for Oct 25 to 26, 2019
- Life in the Spirit- Burns Lake – Information Booklet



You received good things,
but Lazarus received evil:
now he is comforted,
while you are in agony.

Luke 16.19-31

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

Email Teresa at 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.

UPDATE ON PASTORAL CENTRE PROPERTY: In February of this year, Bishop Jensen announced that the diocese had received an offer to purchase the land on which the Pastoral Centre stands. After an extensive consultation process required by the Church’s canon law, an Agreement of Sale was signed.

There were numerous subjects placed by the diocese and the purchaser. Once these conditions were met, the sale would be finalized. However, the purchaser did not meet its own self-imposed conditions within the timeframe specified, so the sale will not proceed.

1. ****2019-2020 CALLED TOGETHER: GIVING, SHARING**

Please see attachments for details and update

Schedule:

Commitment Sunday September 28-29, 2019



2. **NEW EMPLOYEE:** The position of ‘Administrative Assistant to the Bishop’s Office has been filled as of September 19, 2019.

The successful applicant is Ms. Clarissa Clemente. Clarissa’s previous experiences in office administration and her education (*Bachelor of Arts major in Behavioral Science and Master of Arts in Education*) will be assets to the Bishop’s Office and in the Diocese. We congratulate Clarisse and welcome her to the Diocese.

If you require contact with the Bishop’s office, Clarisse’s email address is cclemente@pgdiocese.bc.ca her direct line is 250-964-5644.

3. **FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE: July – September 2019 WCB Report-** The WCB report for the Period July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019 is due by **October 15, 2019**.

Please forward a list of payments made to individuals or to contractors that do not have their own WCB number to Lynn lynn-monteith@pgdiocese.bc.ca and Catherine catherine@pgdiocese.bc.ca

Also, let them know if you have no payments for the period. If you have any questions, please contact either Lynn or Catherine.



4. ****DIOCESAN CONVOCATION** to be held October 3 - 4, 2019 at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre. Founder of Catholic Christian Outreach Andre Regniér, will be the presenter. All members of the diocese are invited and welcome to attend.

5. **TO ALL DIOCESAN EMPLOYEES (CIS, PARISHES, AND PASTORAL CENTRE):** What every employee should know how:

- a. The pension plan works
- b. To plan for retirement
- c. To increase pension value

Please see posters for more details

6. ***PROCESSION IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** Please mark your calendar. In honor of Our Lady of Fatima and to commemorate the 102nd Year of her apparition to the three shepherd children – Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, the Portuguese-Canadian Community in the City of Prince George will gather together in a Eucharistic Celebration at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, October 13, 2019, at 11:00 AM Mass. Immediately after the Mass, there will be a procession. All are invited to come and participate. Let us honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and continue to ask her to intercede for us.

7. ****40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CAMPAIGN** is taking place from September 25th to November 3rd, 2019. Those participating will be standing in peaceful prayer in front of the University Hospital of Northern British Columbia (UHNBC) from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. To sign up go to 40daysforlife.com and select Prince George. For more information contact Angelica LeFebvre at 250-301-8135 or 40dayspgbc@gmail.com





8. ***ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN:** It's more important than ever to pray for an end to abortion. On Sunday, October 6, 2019 from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM there will be a pro-life prayer chain on 15th Avenue in front of the UHNBC. Signs will be provided and those who cannot stand for the whole hour are welcome to bring a folding chair. All people of faith are welcome! Help make this a powerful time of prayer by joining us. For more information contact Angelica at 250-301-8135 or 40dayspgbc@gmail.com

9. ***CAMP MORICE SOCIETY AGM MEETING:** October 28, 6:30PM, at St. Mary's (PG) Office Meeting Room. Come help us prepare to celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2020.

10. ****WESTERN CONFERENCE FOR LITURGY:** "When I in Awesome Wonder": Encountering Christ in Symbol, Ritual and Movement in Mass. The keynote speaker is Christina Ronzio, Director of the CCCB English-language office for liturgy and the sacraments of the National Office (NLO) 2019 Western Conference for Liturgy will be held October 25- 26, 2019 in the Diocese of Nelson our Lady of Lourdes Parish West Kelowna, BC V4T 0A2.

For registration and more details go to:

<https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/western-liturgical-conf-oct-25-26-2019/>

9. ****LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR:** Theme: Guided by the Holy Spirit November 1-3, 2019 at Immaculata Church 248 - 3rd Avenue, Burns Lake, BC **See attached for details.**

10. ****NOTHING VENTURED, NOTHING GAINED!** Fr. Terry is looking for a **Northern Lite 6'10" import camper** or the equivalent for use when he visits Haida Gwaii, the mission of Our Lady of the Islands. The emphasis is on "lightweight" less than 800 lbs. If someone in the diocese has one for sale or to donate to the Haida Gwaii Mission, please contact Fr. Terry Brock, tbrock@telus.net. Thank you

11. ****2019 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE OCTOBER 6-9, 2019** in Chicago, IL
Pastors are encouraged to invite parishioners to attend this Stewardship Conference.
Partial funding is available through Religious Education Trust Fund (check out [RET](#))

Go to <http://catholicstewardship.com/events/icsc-annual-conference/> for conference details.

12. ****RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT:** Next Kelowna retreat –October 18 – 20, 2019
For further information and/or to register [please call or email](#)

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offers a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

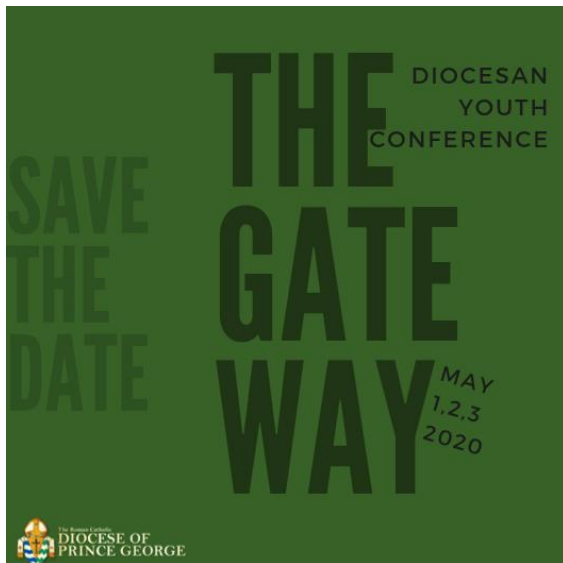
[Find out more about our weekend retreats here ...](#)

13. ****28TH WESTERN CONFERENCE FOR THE CATECHUMENATE (WCC) 2019** will be held at St. Anthony's Parish in Calgary November 22- 23, 2019. Visit our [WCC Blog](#) to register.
The executive is excited to collaborate with the Diocese of Calgary in hosting the conference!

Mary Birmingham and Nick Wagner of Team RCIA will be delivering 2 full days of Catechist School. It will help participants to understand the principles of the RCIA journey and practice proven adult learning models. Questions? Email wcc.cochair@yahoo.com

Evangelization and Formation

YOUTH



**1. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
DYC 2020 – MAY 1-3, 2020**

The 25th anniversary of DYC in the Diocese of Prince George:

The Gateway:

“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly”

John 10:10

2. ***ST. MARY’S YOUTH GROUP:** All youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to join. The meetings for 2019-20 Year will start on Wednesday, September 25th from 6:30-8:30PM in the St. Mary's School Gym.

The group seeks to empower young people to live as disciples of Christ by sharing leadership roles in outreach projects, social gatherings, spiritual enrichment, and recreational fun.

Further meeting dates will be announced as dates are determined.

FAITH FORMATION

1. *FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

This is a program for children in Kindergarten to Grade 7 who attend public school. This is intended to help form the foundations of our faith. The program also fosters preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. It will take place twice a month on Sundays from 2:30 to 4:00 PM in St. Mary’s Gym.

Registration and the first session will be on Sunday September 22, 2019 at 2:30 PM.

For more information, contact Claudia 250-564-4097.

2. *RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Do you know anyone who is interested in the Catholic Faith?

RCIA is a journey of faith for unbaptised adults, baptised adults from another Christian Faith, and baptised adult Catholics who have not received the other sacraments (Penance, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist). St. Mary’s will be hosting RCIA sessions on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM starting on **October 10, 2019.**

For more information contact Claudia 250-564-4097.