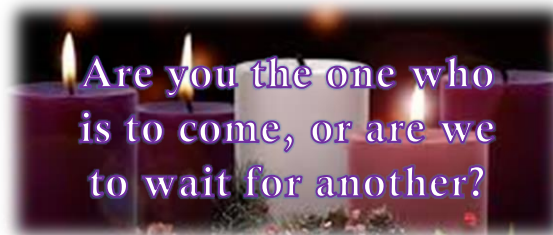


Wednesday Weekly

December 11, 2019

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Matthew 11.2-11

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:

- Advent Reconciliation Poster for the City of Prince George
- 2019-12-11 Called Together: Giving, Sharing, Serving Weekly Update
- St. George's Ukrainian Church Divine Liturgy and prayer service
- December Summit Poster
- St. Mary's Youth Group Poster – Revised

WANT TO SHARE YOUR NEWS IN THE WEDNESDAY WEEKLY? – Email your news to Martha Primus @ mprimus@pgdiocese.bc.ca by NOON on Tuesday. Please use Word format.

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.

1. *ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES FOR CITY PARISHES:

Please print attached poster for display on your bulletin boards

Sacred Heart Cathedral	Dec. 13 at 7:00 PM
St. Mary's PG	Dec. 15 at 2:30 PM
Immaculate Conception	Dec. 20 at 7:00 PM

2. PASTORAL CENTRE OFFICE CLOSURE DURING CHRISTMAS:

Please note that The Pastoral Centre offices will be closed
at NOON December 24, 2019 to January 1, 2020 inclusive.
We will resume regular office hours Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 9:00AM.
Thank you.

3. MASS TIMES FOR THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS 2019 FOR THE DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE : can be found at <https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/mass-schedule/seasonal-mass-times-christmaseaster/>

4. **HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:** “On Sundays and other holydays of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. They are also to abstain from 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)

5. **THE MINISTRY OF LECTOR:** On Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 11:00AM Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Matthew Bellerive will be instituted into the Ministry of Lector. Matthew is a parishioner of Sacred Heart Cathedral and currently undergoing priestly formation at Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC.

Mass will be followed by a simple reception in the lower hall.

6. ****2019-2020 CALLED TOGETHER: GIVING, SHARING, SERVING:** Please see attached report. This week St. Mary’s Parish, Prince George and St. Andrew’s Parish, Fraser Lake have joined those parishes that have reached and surpassed their parish goal. Thank you to pastors (Fr. Gilbert Bertrand, OMI and Fr. Vince James, OMI), the parish leadership teams and parishioners for their continued support and promotion of *Called Together*.

To date, *Called Together* has reached 78.09% or \$312,376.00 towards the diocesan goal. Five parishes have reached and surpassed their parish goal. Any amount raised above the its goal is returned 100% to the parish. We continue to ask pastors and parishioners to support and promote to Called Together. This campaign benefits the entire diocese.

7. **FINANCE/PAYROLL OFFICE REQUEST** – Timesheets for the pay period December 7 – 20, 2019 must be submitted by noon on Wednesday, December 18, 2019. Payroll must be submitted to Payworks on Friday, December 20 to ensure employees are paid on December 27, 2019. Please estimate your hours on the timesheet. If changes are needed, send a revised timesheet, and it will be completed for the next pay period. Contact Catherine or Lynn if you have any questions.
8. **MAKE THE MOST OF ADVENT:** Eucharistic Exposition will be offered at St. Mary's Parish from 6:30-7:30 AM Monday-Friday throughout the season of Advent. This is a perfect opportunity to encounter the Word Made Flesh every day in preparation for celebrating His birth at Christmas.

Please use the 1125 Freeman Street entrance.

9. **CHRISTMAS EVE MASS WITH FRENCH CHRISTMAS CAROLS.** Bishop Jensen will celebrate the Mass on December 24 at Domano Chapel, 6500 Southridge Ave, starting with French Christmas carols at 6:45PM. **Choir practices will be at Domano Chapel on Sunday, December 15 and Saturday, December 21, at 1:00 PM.**

10. **THROUGH THE EYES OF ST. JOSEPH -ADVENT NOON-HOUR SERIES** Monday, December 16th

Noon to 1:30 PM– St. Mary’s Parish

Sisters Irene and Dorothy, sisters of St. Joseph, will be hosting an Advent Noon Hour Reflection. The series will focus on the weekly themes of Advent from the perspective of St. Joseph. Journey through Advent together with us on Mondays in the St. Eugene Room. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

11. **ST. GEORGE'S UKRAINIAN CHURCH HOSTS DIVINE LITURGY AND PRAYER SERVICE** December 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM. See attached poster for full details.

12. THE ST. VINCENT DEPAUL CHRISTMAS WRAP

All youth, grades 7 and up, are invited to volunteer at the annual St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Gift wrap on Saturday, December 14 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM at the Diocesan Centre in the Conference Wing. There will be a free pizza and pop lunch for all volunteers!

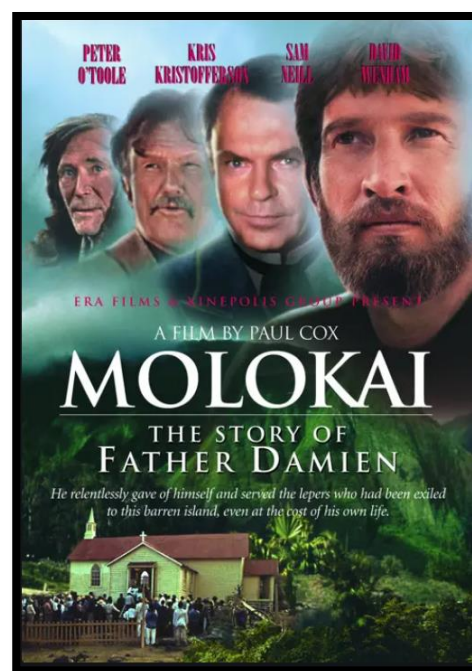
13. **SIMBANG GABI (FILIPINO "NIGHT MASS")** A novena of Masses in preparation for Christmas, traditional in Filipino culture.

The Filipino-Canadian Community is sponsoring the novena at Sacred Heart Cathedral from December 15 to 23, 6:30 PM. Bishop Jensen will be the main celebrant on Sunday, December 22, 6:00PM, followed by a dinner in the lower church hall. All are welcome!

14. **SACRED HEART KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL** invite you to a Movie (K)night on Wednesday, December, 18, 2019, starting at 6:00PM.

An Italian dinner will be served followed by the movie **Molokai**.

Molokai, based the true story of St. Damien, a priest from Belgium who served as a missionary at a leprosy settlement on the island of Molokai, Hawaii in the 19th century. He was s appalled by the conditions that he found the lepers living in, and worked tirelessly to aid them. Please come and join us.



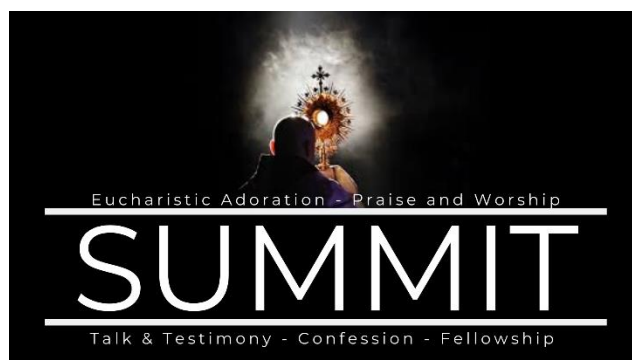
Evangelization and Formation

YOUNG ADULTS

1. ADVENT SUMMIT:

'And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us' John 1:14

Please join us for a very special Summit just days before Christmas. This special Advent Summit will be held Friday, December 20th at 7:00 PM at the Domano Chapel!



Fr. John Garden will be giving a reflection on John 1:14 –

**What it truly means that God became a human being,
a little baby in the arms of a young mother.**

Summit is a night of Eucharistic Adoration, Praise and Worship, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a talk given by one of our priests, a testimony shared by a young adult, followed by fellowship! This is a great night to grow in intimacy with Jesus in His Eucharistic presence, and to meet and grow in community with others. The Summits of this year, will focus on key verses from the Gospel of John: the many signs and wonders, and encounters people had with Christ. All are invited to come! *Please see attached poster*

YOUTH

1. ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

All youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend the next St. Mary's Youth Group a movie night hosted by the social committee on **Wednesday, December 4th** from 6:30 to 9:00 PM in the St. Mary's Gym.

2. **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

