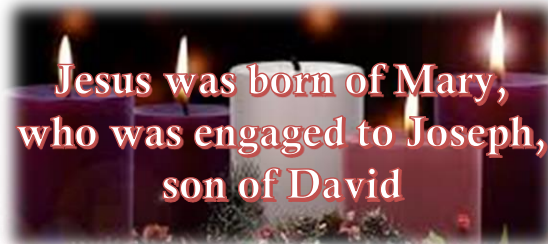


# Wednesday Weekly

## December 18, 2019

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**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**

Matthew 1.18-24

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 2019-12-18 Called Together: Giving, Sharing, Serving Weekly Update
- December Summit Poster
- St. Mary's Youth Group Poster – **Revised**
- 2020 Marriage Prep Poster

**WANT TO SHARE YOUR NEWS IN THE WEDNESDAY WEEKLY?** – Email your news to Martha Primus @ [mprimus@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto: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](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 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.**

**2. 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/>

**3. 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)

4. **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.

5. **\*\*2019-2020 CALLED TOGETHER: GIVING, SHARING, SERVING:** Please see attached report for December 18, 2019.

6. **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.

7. **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.**

8. **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!

9. **DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND** –See attached



For details and registration click here: <https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/marriage-preparation-retreat>

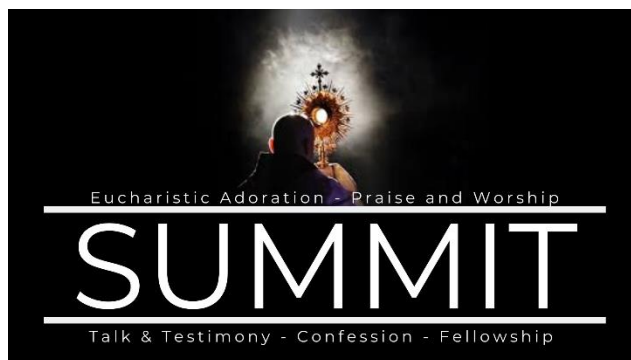
# Evangelization and Formation

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

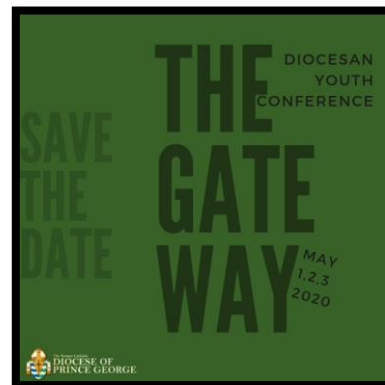
### 1. ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP

All youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend the next St. Mary's Youth Group see revised schedule for dates.

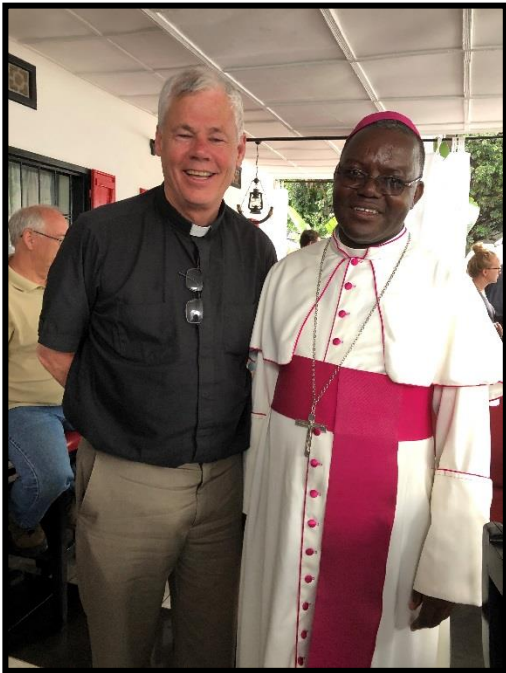
### 2. \*\*MARK YOUR CALENDAR: DYC 2020 – MAY 1-3, 2020

**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



Fr Terry Brock's Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Kibeho  
Mother of the Word, Rwanda  
Nov. 22-Dec. 02, 2019



A group of 28 pilgrims, most from the continent of America, a few from Africa and Asia, arrived on Sunday, November 22, 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda.

The Shrine of our Lady of Kibeho in Rwanda is growing in popularity. A basilica is at the conceptual stage of development, and a 60 million dollar road to Kibeho is also being built.

In contrast to other shrines like our Lady of Guadalupe, which drew 10 million pilgrims, our Lady of Kibeho drew 30K on November 28, its feast day. This pilgrimage is still in its infancy.

The apparitions took place 1981-84. It is the only apparition on the continent of Africa that is approved by the church, as Guadalupe is the only one approved by the church on the continent of America.

Why go to Africa? Because the Blessed Virgin Mary invites us to go and she prophesied that millions would go there. (I am one of those) It's a good place to go to learn forgiveness and love of neighbor.

Rwanda suffered a terrible genocide in 1994, which the Blessed mother warned them of in her apparitions. Perhaps other genocide's are coming on the horizon, perhaps toward Christianity who knows. I would say, in short, that it is a very good place to go to pray to Our Lady. Personally, I sense in my heart and soul, that a renewed devotion has taken root in my life. I would say this is the fruit of my Marian pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Kibeho.

People go to all-inclusive resorts all the time without even batting an eye, why not go to a Marian Pilgrimage instead and fill your soul to overflowing?

It is also a very good place to go to see a young church, a very young church, and a very vibrant church!

I will be posting my story with videos and more stories on the [Annunciation webpage](#) soon. Stay tuned!



[Immaculée Ilibagiza with children – Author of Left to Tell](#)