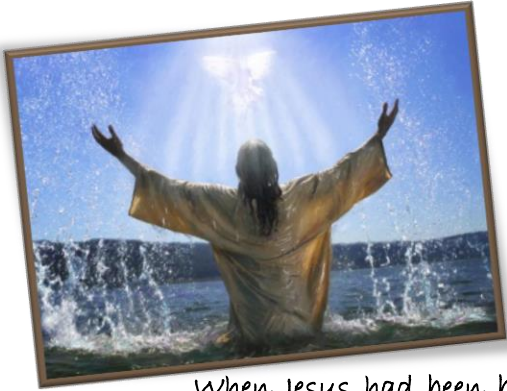


Wednesday Weekly

January 8, 2020



When Jesus had been baptized,
he saw the Spirit of God
coming upon him.

Matthew 3.13-17

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

WANT TO SHARE NEWS IN THE WEDNESDAY WEEKLY? – Email Martha Primus @ mprimus@pgdiocese.bc.ca by NOON on Tuesday. Please send in 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**. This 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.

Stay connected with all diocesan events on the **2019-20 DIOCESAN CALENDAR**.

[Click here](#), then click on this image to get the pdf format.



ATTACHMENTS:

- 2020-01-08 Called Together: Giving, Sharing, Serving Update
- National Collections Schedule for 2021 to 2023
 - National Collection descriptions
- Workers Compensation and T-4A Annual Report for 2019
- Statistics Parish Report Form for 2019
- Supporting and Praying for Vocations
- 2020 Marriage Prep Poster
- St. Mary's Youth Group Schedule

1. **CALLED TOGETHER –GIVING, SHARING, SERVING**—January 8, 2020 Report:
Please see attached and thank you for your generous and continued support.

2. **NATIONAL COLLECTIONS SCHEDULE FOR 2021 AND 2023 AND DESCRIPTIONS** –
please see attached



3. ***HOST FAMILY OR FAMILIES NEEDED FOR THE VISITING NET CANADA TEAM MEMBERS!**

Family homes are needed to host four young men with the NET team, during their stays in Prince George January 17 & 18, and January 23-28, 2020.

NET will be giving retreats at all eight Catholic schools across the Diocese. If you are interested in being a host family for either two or four of the young men on the NET team while in Prince George, please email Lisa Vaughan-Farrell at lvfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca or call 250-964-4424 ext. 2109 for more details.

4. **IMPORTANT NEWS AND REQUESTS FROM THE FINANCE AND PAYROLL DEPARTMENTS:**

a. **PAYROLL:** Please complete the attached Workers Compensation and T-4A Annual Report for 2019 and submit it to Lynn Monteith by January 15, 2020. If you have any questions please e-mail lynn-monteith@pgdiocese.bc.ca or call Lynn at 250 964-5646.

b. **2019 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS:** Donations eligible for a 2019 donation tax receipt must be received by the parish on or before December 31, 2019 and dated for 2019. The cheques do not have to be deposited in the bank in December.

c. **APPEAL DONATIONS:** 2019 donations for the Appeal need to be sent as soon as possible. Donations will be processed and tax receipts printed as soon as we have received all of the donations from the parishes. Would every parish please contact Armand Sadiwa by Friday, **January 10, 2020** at 250-964-4424 ext 2103 or email asadiwa@pgdiocese.bc.ca to let him know if you will be submitting 2019 donations or not.

5. ***LECTIO DIVINA:** the next session will be on **Wednesday, January 15 with Fr. Pier Pandolfo at Sacred Heart Cathedral.** The evening will start with refreshments at 6:30PM, followed by Vespers at 7:00PM. The Lectio Divina will be from 7:15PM to 8:00PM.

6. ***FEAST OF STO. NIÑO AND SINULOG:** On **Sunday, January 19, 2020, 5:30PM** at Sacred Heart Cathedral, the Filipino-Canadian community of Prince George will gather for a Eucharistic Celebration honoring Señor Santo Sto. Niño.

Devotion to Señor Santo Sto. Niño (Child Jesus) is very popular in the Philippines. Devotees living in Prince George, invite parishioners to join them in honoring the Child Jesus. Sinulog is a ritual prayer-dance honoring Señor Santo Sto. Niño.

Following Mass, there will be a dinner and reception at Sacred Heart School gym hosted by the Bisaya group. All are welcome.

7. ****WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE FEBRUARY 2, 2020:** The purpose of the day is “to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord” (Saint John Paul II, 1997)

There will not be a diocesan celebration this year, as it is the Lord’s Day. Parishes are asked to include an appropriate petition in the Prayers of the Faithful.

The following religious congregations of men and women are presently residing and/or serving in the diocese.

RELIGIOUS WOMEN

- Congregation of the Religious of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Domano Sisters of Mary Immaculate (Lay Community)
- Emmanuel Hermitage
- Religious of the Sacred Heart
- Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
- Sisters of St. Joseph (Toronto)

RELIGIOUS MEN

- Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary
- Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis of Assisi
- Oblates of Mary Immaculate
- Order of St. Augustine
- Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottine Fathers)

8. ****SUPPORTING AND PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS:** See attached excerpt from the [Catholic News Agency](#) *Moms' group prays for vocations to come from among their families*

Please contact Fr. Terry Brock, Vocations Director at vocations.pgdiocese@gmail.com for Diocesan Vocations News.

Encourage any young men you know to attend a Vocation Live-In

A Vocation Live-In is an opportunity for young men to spend a weekend at the seminary. It gives them a chance to meet other boys and/or men searching for God's will in their lives.

The next Vocation Live-ins for the College and High School Seminary is February 7-9, 2020

If you want to attend, please contact: **College Seminary Live In:**
Father Matthew Gerlich, OSB
Email: rector.majors@yahoo.ca or

High School Seminary Live In:
Father Peter Nygren, OSB
E-mail: frpeterosb@gmail.com

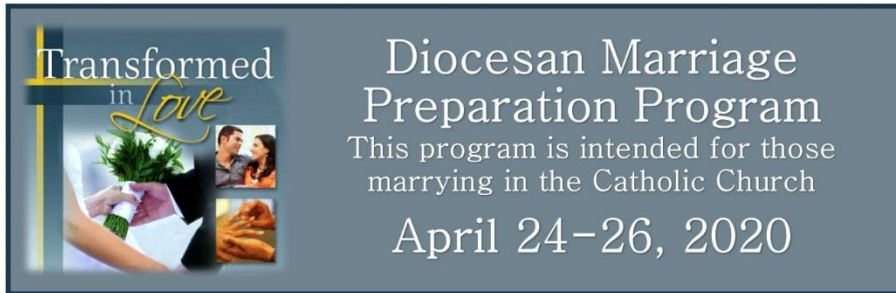
9. **STATISTICAL INFORMATION:** In order to submit the **Annual Rome Report** for 2019, statistical information is required from all parishes. All are asked to complete the attached form (fillable version) and return it **by February 3, 2020** Martha Primus by email (mprimus@pgdiocese.bc.ca), fax (250-964-2101) or regular mail. Thank you.
10. **SACRAMENTAL RECORDS FOR 2019:** Please "Download" and submit all of your sacramental records from Parish Friendly for the 2019 year via email to Teresa at reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca ASAP.

Make sure you do not open the file before sending- as it cannot be uploaded if opened.

If you do not have Parish Friendly – please send a hard copy of your parish registers for all sacraments received in 2019 to Teresa via fax, scan or postal mail.

SOME PARISHES ARE A FEW YEARS BEHIND IN SUBMITTING THEIR RECORDS or have never submitted digital records. If you are not sure if you are up to date, or not sure for which years the digital records have been submitted, please contact Teresa at 250-964-4424 or email reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca.

11. **SAFE PARISH AND COMMUNITIES:** A reminder to submit your PIC report to Martha Primus via email mprimus@pgdiocese.bc.ca from Parish Friendly. If you have done so thank you, if not please submit as soon as possible.
12. ****DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND –See attached poster**



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

13. ****EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: ADVOKATE LIFE & EDUCATION SERVICES SOCIETY**
Hope for Women Pregnancy Services, a community initiative of Advokate Life & Education Services Society, is **searching for an experienced and passionate individual to manage its pregnancy care centre in Prince George, BC.** The role is instrumental in providing help, information, and resources for individuals who are experiencing an unintended pregnancy. For more information, or to apply, visit www.advokate.ca or email Jared White at jared@advokate.ca

Evangelization and Formation

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

