

Wednesday Weekly

March 4, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 8, 2020



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.

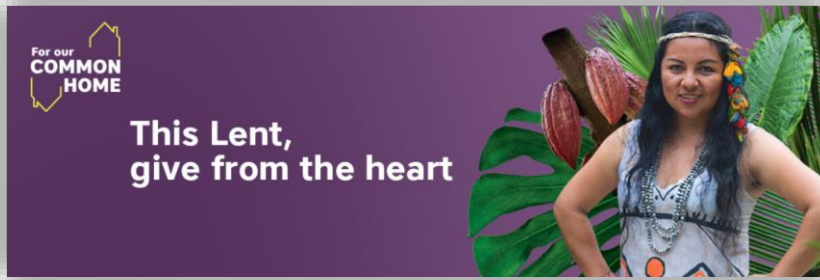
ATTACHMENTS:

- 2020 Lenten Penance Services- for city of Prince George parishes
- Chrism Mass 2020 Oils List
- City-wide Parish Mission poster
- Women’s Discernment Retreat for vocations poster
- What is Retrouville
 - Poster for upcoming weekend
- 2020 Marriage Prep Poster
- DYC 2020 Poster
- CCCB Response to Bill C-7

**** A REMINDER FOR COLD AND FLU SEASON:** The Public Health Agency of Canada has assessed the public health risk associated with COVID-19 as low for Canada. Nevertheless, news about the outbreak in many parts of the world should remind us to observe basic hygiene, such as frequent handwashing, and courtesy towards other parishioners. Those with colds or flu might offer the Sign of Peace with a simple bow rather than shake hands and refrain from receiving Holy Communion from the chalice.

The Season of Lent

1. ****SHARE LENT 2020** - <https://www.dev.org/en/lentcalendar-2020> During this year's Lent, navigate the Amazon River to learn, reflect,



the Amazon River to learn, reflect, pray and act throughout Lent, in solidarity with the peoples of the Amazon and the Earth, our common home. This year, follow our Solidarity Calendar on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

2. ****MESSAGE FROM D & P DIOCESAN CHAIR, DICK MYNEN:** This year's D & P Regional Assembly will be held at Westminster Abbey in Mission, BC on **May 8 -10**. There will be separate sessions for youth focusing on Catholic Social Teaching, an intro D&P, and a walk-through of the current campaign **For our Common Home**. For more information or to register contact Jeremy at jlaurie@dev.org



3. ****2020 LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES** for city of Prince George parishes
 - St. Mary's – Sunday, March 15 at 2:00 PM
 - Christ our Saviour – Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 PM
 - Sacred Heart Cathedral –April 1 – 3 evenings of the City-wide parish mission
 - Immaculate Conception – Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 PM

See attached poster. Please print and display on your bulletin board.

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL invites you

4. ***CATECHESIS ON THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION:** For four consecutive Fridays during Lent (March 6, 13, 20, and 27) before praying the Stations of the Cross, Fr. Rector will provide Catechesis on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The catechesis will start at 6:30 PM. The Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 PM. Please come and learn more about the Sacrament.
5. ***CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH FAITH STUDY SERIES** at Sacred Heart Cathedral during Lent 2020. You are invited to grow in faith and love of God through a six-week *Discovery Faith Study* produced by Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO). CCO's faith studies have had a huge impact on university campuses across Canada, including UNBC.

The *Discovery Faith Study* is a simple but personally challenging look at the Gospel message. Participants gather in men's and women's groups of 8-10 to strengthen their relationship with Jesus, grow in fellowship with other parishioners, and learn how to share their faith with others.

The study will begin on **Thursday, February 27, 2020** at 2:00 PM. The commitment is for one hour each week. Please call the cathedral at 250-564-5225 to register.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR invites you

6. ***ADORATION AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR.** Every Friday during Lent, there will be Adoration from 9:30 AM (right after the 9:00 AM Mass), until Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM. Please come and join us when you can!

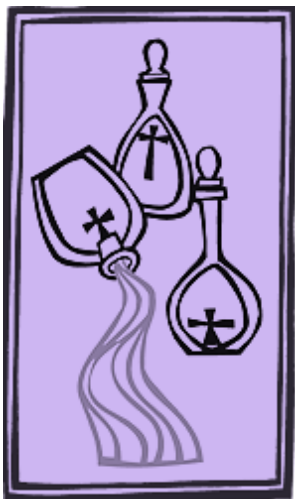
ST. MARY'S PG invites you

7. ***LENTEN NOON HOUR GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:** Back by popular demand the sisters of St. Joseph will host a Noon Hour Gospel Reflections on the remaining **Mondays: March 9, 16, 23, and 30.** Sessions will be from Noon to 1:30 PM, in the St. Eugene Room. Refreshments will be provided.



8. ***MORNING ADORATION** is being offered at St. Mary's from 6:30 AM to 8:30 AM Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during Lent followed by morning prayer at 8:40 and Mass at 9:00 AM. Please come and join us.

9. ****CHRISM MASS 2020** will be celebrated at **7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 31, 2020** at Sacred Heart Cathedral.



In this diocesan celebration the Holy Oils and Chrism used in the Sacraments are consecrated and Priests renew their commitment to serve the Church.

A reception will follow. Those attending are invited to bring a plate of snacks to share and are asked to put the snack on the designated table in the lower hall before Mass. Thank you.

TO HELP IN THE PLANNING FOR MASS WE NEED TO PREPARE THE FOLLOWING:

a. **Chrism Mass oil sets**

All parishes and missions are asked to review the attached list of 2020 to confirm the sets of oils required for their parish/mission. Please email Clarisse at cclemente@pgdiocese.bc.ca or call 250-964-5644 by **Tuesday, March 24, 2020 to confirm.**

b. **The music:**

Music practice times TBA

Attention to ALL music ministers, the ICEL setting will be used.

To prepare for the **practices** please listen to the ICEL setting of the **Gloria #7** on the following link: [CCCB \(ICEL\) Chants from Celebrate in Song](#)

Or

Type in the following in your browser: <http://nlo.cccb.ca/index.php/documents/music/99-chants>

10. ***ST. PATRICK'S MASS:** The annual Mass to anticipate the **Feast of St. Patrick** will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 11th, at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Mass will begin at 6:00 PM. Bring your singing voice and wear your green. All are welcome!

11. ***PARISH MISSION IN THE CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE—See poster – please print and display**

MARK YOUR

Fr. James Sichko will lead a Parish Mission - 60 Minutes for Jesus at Sacred Heart Cathedral April 1-3, 2020. All sessions are family friendly.

CALENDAR!

Fr. Jim Sichko is a full-time preacher, evangelist and motivational speaker based in the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. He is one of the Missionaries of Mercy commissioned by Pope Francis in 2016.

12. ****EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS- PRINCE GEORGE (CISPG) is NOW HIRING for the 2020-2021 school year.

There are three **Principalship** positions to fill, Smithers, Dawson Creek and Prince Rupert.

CISPG is also employing **full-time Classroom Teacher positions** at many of our eight community schools.

If you are interested, or know someone who would be interested in working in our CISPG schools, head to our website for the posting details and to complete our online application. <http://cispg.ca/careers/>

13. ****MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING (MAiD) UPDATE:** Experts tell us that writing and sending petitions to one's Member of Parliament is an effective way to get our message across. We are told that the best we can hope for at this stage is that the Federal Government carry out further consultation. Given time constraints, electronic mail (rather than a written letter sent by regular mail) can also be effective. Deacon Larry Worthen of Halifax has provided a platform to reach one's Member of Parliament and has provided a sample online sample letter-petition: http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federal_government.

14. **MESSAGE FROM PAYROLL DEPARTMENTS TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE DIOCESE (PARISHES AND SCHOOLS): 2019 T4s are now available** on the Payworks using your username and password.

Only T4As will be sent by postal mail. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine at (250) 964-4424 ext 2105 or email catherine@pgdiocese.bc.ca

Evangelization and Formation

15. **FIAT: WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR VOCATIONS TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE



All women ages 17-30 are invited to a vocations retreat hosted by the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist and the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia.

This retreat is for any young woman who is even a little bit interested in religious life and wanting to meet religious sisters, to those who are seriously discerning the call to the consecrated life.

Wherever you are in your discernment, you are welcome to attend Fiat!

The weekend will consist of Mass, the Divine Office, adoration, individual conferences with the sisters, community experience, and talks and discussions about what it means to discern a vocation to consecrated life - the call of the Lord to love Him in a unique way. Register today by emailing Lisa at lvfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca

- When:** March 20 at 7:00 PM to March 22 at 1:30 PM (these times are still TBD)
Where: Domano Renewal Centre (6500 Southridge Ave, Prince George BC)
Cost: \$50
Contact: Lisa Vaughan-Farrell to register at lvfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca or if you have any further questions.

Please print attached poster for display on your bulletin board.

16. **ANNUAL VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT for Young People will be held on

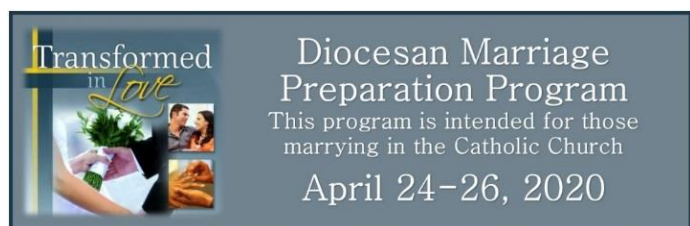


May 8-10, 2020, (moved from the long weekend of previous years) at Camp Morice, Fort St. James. It will be facilitated by Father Terry Brock, Vocation Director. Also present will be the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist FSE and Most Reverend Stephen Jensen. Registration and further **details to follow**.

17. ****RETRouvaille MINISTRY:** Addresses serious marital problems such as disillusionment, boredom, separation, infidelity, etc.; teaching communication and working on forgiveness, healing and the restoration of trust. The next weekend retreat will be held on April 17 – 19, 2020 at the Barnabas Family Ministries Retreat Centre, Keats Island, followed by six follow-up sessions (in person or online) at the Holy Family Parish, Vancouver. **See poster and What is Retrouvaille.** Register at www.retrouvaillevancouver.com- REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL

18. ****DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND** –See attached poster

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



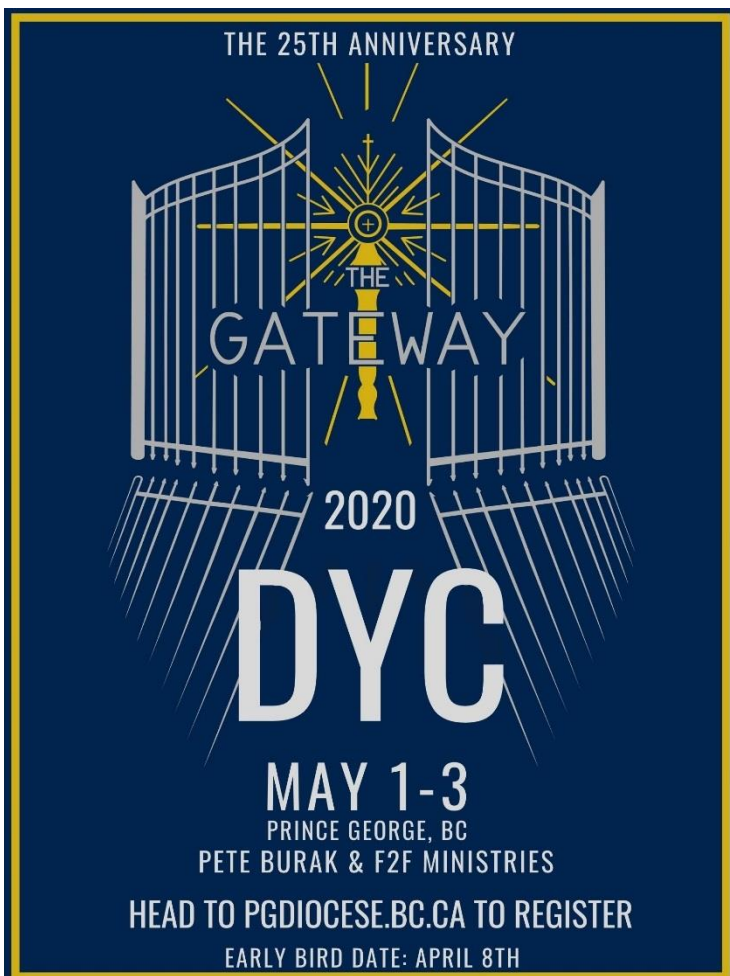
YOUNG ADULT

***SUMMIT** Everyone is welcome to join the Catholic young adult community at the upcoming Summit on **Wednesday, March 18** at 7:00PM at Christ our Saviour Parish. Fr. Michael will be giving a reflection on conversion of heart and leading us in Adoration! Everyone is welcome to attend!

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 heading out to a restaurant for fellowship! This monthly event is an evening 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. All are invited to come!



YOUTH



**** DYC 2020 – MAY 1-3, 2020**

The Gateway:

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

John 10:10

REGISTER NOW AT:

<https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/youth/registration-2020-dyc/>

Please print attached poster in pdf format for display on your bulletin board.