

Wednesday Weekly

March 25, 2020



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 29, 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:

- **March 24, 2020 Bishop’s Letter update**
- **DYC 2020 Cancellation Letter**
- **2020-03-24 Appeal Update Report**

POSTPONED / CANCELLED EVENTS:

- **City-wide Parish Mission (Postponed)**
- **DYC 2020 (Cancelled)**
- **Marriage Preparation Weekend (Cancelled)**

**** Update of March 24, 2020**

Message from Bishop Jensen Regarding Coronavirus Preventive Measures

Refer to the attached or [click here](#)

ONLINE AND TV OPPORTUNITIES FOR DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS:

- [Daily Mass with Bishop Robert Barron](#)
- [St. Mary’s Parish, PG Sunday Mass](#)
- [Daily TV Mass – Warming Faithful Hearts](#)
- [Sacred Heart Cathedral, PG Facebook](#) link

For those with cable or optic TV please check with your provider for the following or go directly to:

- [Salt & Light](#)
- [Vision TV](#)
- [EWTN TV](#)

Advice from the Saints on



St. Teresa of Avila wrote in *The Way of Perfection*: “When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you.”

St. Jean Vianney said: ” If we are deprived of Sacramental Communion, let us replace it, as far as we can, by spiritual communion, which we can make every moment; for we ought to have always a burning desire to receive the good God. Communion is to the soul like blowing a fire that is beginning to go out, but that has still plenty of hot embers; we blow, and the fire burns again.”

St. Thomas Aquinas distinguished the physical and spiritual reception of the Eucharist, and described Spiritual Communion as, “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most holy sacrament and lovingly embrace him”.

St. Leonard of Port Maurice said: “If you practice the holy exercise of spiritual Communion several times each day, within a month you will see your heart completely changed.”

Benedict XVI recommended making Spiritual Communions in *Sacramentum caritatis*:

“Even in cases where it is not possible to receive sacramental communion, participation at Mass remains necessary, important, meaningful and fruitful. In such circumstances it is beneficial to cultivate a desire for full union with Christ through the practice of spiritual communion, praised by Pope John Paul II and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life”.

1. **MESSAGE FROM FR. MIKE RABINO VISITING THE SICK AND THE HOSPITAL:**

To keep patients, families and staff safe and in keeping with the Provincial Health officer’s recommendation for social distancing, Northern Health is limiting the number of visitors entering the hospital effective March 17, 2020.

Until further notice, the following visitor restrictions are in place in Northern Health facilities:

- Hospital Emergency Dept. (ER) , Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Critical Care areas:
 - ONE adult caregiver/support person
- Palliative Care will accommodate patient and family needs and consult with infection prevention and control.
- No visitor with a fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat or diarrhea may visit any of the above facilities.

Visit to the sick, Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick will be accommodated upon request. I appeal to my brother priests to be available to visit sick parishioners, anoint them if needed and give them Holy Communion.

2. ****EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**—PLEASE ADVERTISE THIS ON YOUR PARISH WEBSITE

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/>

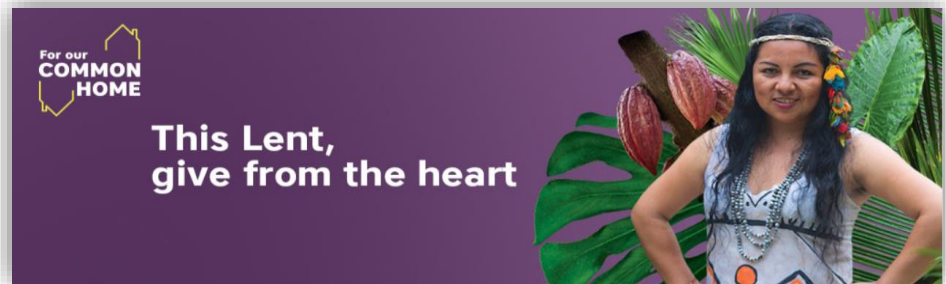
**The Season
of Lent**

3. ****SHARE LENT 2020 -**

During this year's Lent, navigate 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.

<https://www.devp.org/en/lentcalendar-2020>

This year, follow our Solidarity Calendar on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!



4. ****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@devp.org



5. **CALLED TOGETHER, GIVING, SHARING AND SERVING**— Monthly Update for March 25, 2020 see attached.

6. ***2020 LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES**—Please see Bishop Jensen's update attached

7. ***PARISH MISSION IN THE CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE (POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE)**

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

Postponed

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL invites you

- 8. ***CATECHESIS ON THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION:** For four consecutive Fridays during Lent (March 27) before praying the Stations of the Cross, Fr. Re... 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

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR invites you

- 9. ***ADORATION AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR** Every day 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

- 10. ***MORNING ADORATION** is being offered at St. Mary's from 6:30 AM to 8:30 AM Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during Lent.



Evangelization and Formation

- 11. ****DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND**



Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program
This program is intended for those marrying in the Catholic Church
April 24-26, 2020

- 12. ****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**.



YOUTH

**** DYC 2020 – PLEASE SEE ATTACHED DYC CANCELLATION LETTER FOR DETAILS.**



The Gateway:

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

John 10:10

