

Wednesday Weekly April 1, 2020



APRIL 5, 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:

- Preparing to Celebrate Holy Week at home
- Holy Week Confession times in the diocese

POSTPONED / CANCELLED EVENTS:

- DYC 2020 (Cancelled)
- Marriage Preparation Weekend (Cancelled)

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. **PREPARING TO CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT HOME:** To help parishioners observe Holy Week and celebrate Easter in their homes, Fr. Rector Tolentino, Rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral, will be presenting on the topic: “*Preparing to Celebrate Holy Week and Easter at HOME*” via [LIVESTREAM via Sacred Heart Cathedral Prince George, Facebook page](#).

In this presentation, there will be an explanation of the liturgical celebrations from Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion to the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night. In the presentation suggestions

will be shared to will help parishioners prayerfully observe Holy Week and celebrate Easter in a meaningful way in their respective homes. *Please see poster for more details.*

2. **HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS ACROSS THE DIOCESE:** The **Sacrament of Penance** should be available to the faithful across the diocese from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week. Churches will be open, and the confessional space arranged to accommodate physical distancing. Pastors should publicize this information as they are able, and also indicate other regular times for Confession. (INSTRUCTIONS, Holy Week and the Celebration of the Paschal Triduum]

The logo for FORMED FAITH AT HOME is displayed in a blue rectangular box. The word "FORMED" is at the top in white, with a play button icon inside the letter 'O'. Below it, "FAITH AT HOME" is written in a larger, bold, white font.

3. **RESOURCES:** Now more than ever we must hold fast to the great virtue of hope.

In an effort to assist Catholics everywhere, we are opening our doors to make the FORMED platform free to everyone for 40 days. Sign up today and get immediate access to the best Catholic movies, faith formation videos, audio talks, and great children's videos. Go to: <https://formed.org/faithathome>

4. **CONDOLENCES:** Fr. James Irudayasamy, SAC, pastor of Sacred Heart parish in Terrace, lost his brother, Joseph Xavier Irudayasamy, in India suddenly on the weekend.

Let us prayerfully unite ourselves to Fr. James and his family in these difficult days and recommend Joseph to our merciful God: "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

5. **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.

6. ****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 two Principalship positions to fill, Smithers 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/>

7. ****SHARE LENT 2020 –
Development and Peace Share Lent
Collection – an update on the situation**



During these uncertain times because of the COVID-19 crisis, Development and Peace has made the decision to cancel or postpone all of its in-person meetings and events across Canada. Lent is a vital time of year for the organization, and so we invite you to participate to our virtual Share Lent campaign and act in solidarity with our partners in the Global South and the most vulnerable populations that will be all the more affected by this pandemic. This Lent, give from the heart. Donate to Development and Peace today by making a DIRECT donation:

- 1) **Online:** <https://www.devp.org>
- 2) **By phone:** 1-888 664-3387
- 3) **By mail :** 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd W, 3rd floor, Montreal, QC, H3G 1T7

Thank you for your generosity.

Evangelization and Formation

8. ****DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND**



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

9. ****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. **The status of this event will be posted soon.**



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