

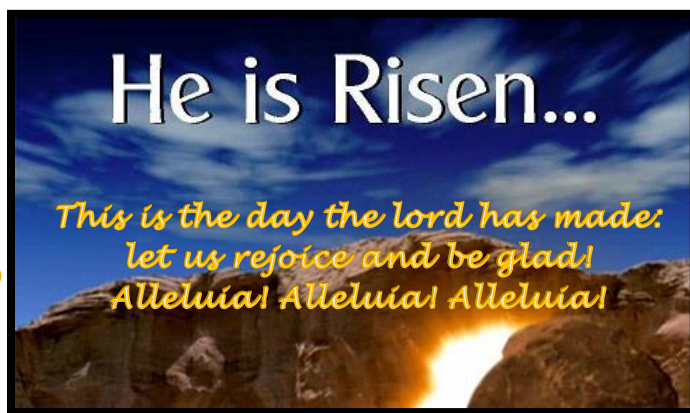
Wednesday Weekly

April 8, 2020



Holy Week is the week which precedes the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday: it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem.

EASTER SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
APRIL 12, 2020
PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR ON-LINE



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:

- Prayer of Pope Francis to Mary for Help and Protection During the Pandemic
- Letter to Christians from Christian Leaders
- Catechesis of the Good Shephard – Newsletter

- [Triduum Resources- individuals & families](#)

POSTPONED / CANCELLED EVENTS:

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

The Pastoral Centre is adjusting its usual services and public access for the foreseeable future due to Covid-19.

If you require assistance from a Pastoral Centre staff member, please contact the pertinent individual by phone or email using the online [directory](#).

ONLINE AND TV OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE TRIDUUM:

- [Daily Mass with Bishop Robert Barron](#)
- [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](#)

EASTER TRIDUUM LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE FOR:

St. Mary's
PARISH



All the liturgies can be accessed through our [ST. MARY'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#) or through our **Facebook** page by

typing St. Mary's Catholic Church Facebook into a browser or by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Please note: you do not need be a subscriber to **YouTube** or have a **Facebook** account in order to participate and pray the following:

- [Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper](#) live stream starts at: **7:00PM** on April 9th
- [Good Friday Liturgy](#) live stream starts at: **3:00PM** on April 10th
- [Easter Sunday Mass](#) live stream starts at **9:00AM** on April 12th

The liturgies will be available after the live stream on our YouTube channel and linked through our [FACE BOOK PAGE](#)

1. **PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS TO MARY FOR HELP AND PROTECTION** During the Coronavirus Pandemic.- See attached.

2. **RESOURCES:**

**FORMED
FAITH AT HOME**

a. 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>

b. **Triduum liturgies** that can be prayed at home for individuals and families. This resource provides and outline for each day of the Triduum.

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”.

3. **MESSAGE FROM CHRISTIAN LEADERS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.** Please see the attached message of love, faith, and hope during this time of grief, uncertainty, and anxiety letter to all British Columbians from Christian leaders.
4. **CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.** Would like to share the attached newsletter with *Resources for the Domestic Church* for the families in our diocese. This is one way to continue to serve families while we are "fasting" from our life together. They have also launched a new website cgsac.ca with a section for parents. Please check it out
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. **FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE**

January – March 2020 WCB Report- The WCB report for the Period January 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020 is due by **April 17, 2020**.

Please forward a list of payments made to individuals or to contractors that do not have their own WCB number to Lynn and Catherine. Also, let us know if you have no payments for the period. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine or Lynn.

7. ****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/>

8. ****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

9. ****DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND**



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

10. ****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