Wednesday Weekly April 29, 2020



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 3, 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



PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF EMAIL FOR WW SUBMISSIONS WANT TO SHARE NEWS IN THE WEDNESDAY WEEKLY? – Email reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca by NOON on Tuesday. Late entries will be published in the following week's edition. Please send in Word format. Thank you.

TO RECEIVE ALL DIOCESAN NEWS DIRECTLY IN YOUR INBOX OR ON YOUR PHONE email <u>reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca</u> **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
- Director of Finance Diocese of Prince George
- Immaculate Conception Job Posting
- St. Vincent de Paul: Employment Opportunities
- Connect + Converse + Evangelize Poster

• Annual Voc:

• Annual Vocation Discernment Retreat has been changed to **Discernment Weekend 2020 Via Zoom May 8, 2020.**

ONLINE AND TV OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DAILY AND SUNDAY MASS:

- Daily Mass with Bishop Robert Barron
- Daily TV Mass Warming Faithful Hearts
- Sacred Heart Cathedral, PG Facebook link
- ST. MARY'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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

- Salt & Light
- <u>Vision TV</u>
- EWTN TV

Temporary Changes to Pastoral Centre Staffing

As in parishes, the COVID-19 emergency has necessitated changes to the level of staffing at the Pastoral Centre. Lisa, Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator; Richard, archivist; and Teresa, receptionist; have been given temporary lay-offs.

Armand, Catherine, Clarisse, and Martha will work reduced hours, alternating weeks to ensure service levels are maintained.

As previously announced, public access to the Pastoral Centre building is restricted for the duration of this health care emergency. Those with business in the building should arrange appointments by telephone or email.

If you require assistance from a Pastoral Centre staff member, please contact the individual by phone or email using the online <u>directory</u>.

1. Message from Most Rev. Bishop Stephen Jensen

Responding to the Pandemic's Consequences

April 22, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

We have painfully learned over the last month that the current public health emergency has disrupted life on almost every level.

I'm pleased to know that several pastors have started to live-stream their Sunday Mass and reached out to parishioners in many other creative pastoral ways.

The Church's mission continues, albeit in different forms. This can remind us of how vast numbers of persecuted Christians in the world today have had to accept the loss of regular sacramental life and restrictions on the usual ways in which faith is shared with others. The adversity we experience can give us a sense of our oneness with them in Christ, which we celebrate especially in these days of the Easter season.

The financial impact of the shutdown is also being felt. Because parish incomes have declined steeply, the clergy have willingly accepted a substantial reduction in their salary and transportation allowance.

The diocese is also examining several options to reduce the cost of its services billed to parishes. This is an ongoing work, as the various programs of government assistance are updated on an almost daily basis.

We pray that those most affected by this situation will experience the support of family, friends and fellow parishioners. May the challenges we face with the entire world draw us to what is of true and lasting value and help us cherish the life of our families and the great family of Faith.

Bishop Stephen Jensen



3. CONSECRATION OF CANADA TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, IN TIME OF **PANDEMIC**: On Friday 1 May 2020, the Catholic Bishops of Canada will consecrate their individual dioceses or eparchies to Mary, Mother of Church, seeking the her protection during the Coronavirus pandemic, similar

to what other Episcopal Conferences throughout the world have already done. Along with the bishops, pastors, families, groups, individuals and other faith communities may likewise choose to join the consecration as part of the global effort to unite in faith and prayer in this most difficult time. The Consecration will be livestreamed: <u>Sacred Heart</u> <u>Cathedral, PG Facebook</u>

4. WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS -MAY 3, 2020 GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY— Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continue to lead his people through His Bishops Priests and Deacons, and calls many Him in this way.

5. ** DISCERNMENT WEEKEND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE HELD 2020 VIA ZOOM

May 8-9, 2020. These two days will be facilitated by Father Terry Brock, Vocation Director, and Fr. Ken Anderson. No Registration Fee! Please register here.



6. Rose Prince Annual Pilgrimage 2020:

Has been **<u>CANCELLED</u>** for this year.



7. ORDO – LITURGICAL CALENDAR 2020-2021

The ORDO, or Liturgical Calendar, will be available soon. If you would like to put in an order, please email the Reception desk at <u>reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca</u> and indicate how many copies you would like for your parish. This is an essential tool for parish staff and volunteers, liturgy committees, and school staff.

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

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: <u>https://formed.org/faithathome</u>

9. CONNECT + CONVERSE + EVANGELIZE:

Fr. Rectorino M. Tolentino, Jr., Rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral and Fr. Venerando DC. Sabacan, Pastor of Notre Dame Parish invite you to join *"Let's chat with Fathers R and V"* every **Thursday night at 7:00 PM via** Facebook Live.

Let's chat with Fathers R and V is an initiative to:

- ✓ connect with our parishioners during this time of Covid-19 pandemic and physical distancing;
- ✓ provide an avenue for our parishioners to have a conversation with their priests and vice-versa;
- ✓ evangelize using the platform of social media. It is Sacred Heart Cathedral and Notre Dame Parish new evangelization method.

JOIN US VIA Sacred Heart Cathedral Facebook page

10. **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PLEASE ADVERTISE THESE ON YOUR PARISH WEBSITE

a. <u>DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE</u>: Seeking a Director of Finance – See attached ad

b. <u>CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS- PRINCE GEORGE (CISPG)</u> is <u>NOW</u> <u>HIRING for the 2020-2021 school year.</u>

There is one Principalship position left to fill in 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 <u>http://cispg.ca/careers/</u>

- c. <u>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:</u> Parish Administrative Assistant please see attached ad or call 250-964-4898 for more details.
- d. <u>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL</u>: Three temporary positions please see attached ad or email <u>svdppg@shaw.ca</u> for any questions

