

# Wednesday Weekly

## April 22, 2020

### 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### APRIL 26, 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**



Luke 24.13-35

#### PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF EMAIL FOR WW SUBMISSIONS

WANT TO SHARE NEWS IN THE WEDNESDAY WEEKLY? –

Email [reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto: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 [reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto: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
- Catechesis of the Good Shephard – Newsletter
- Director of Finance – Diocese of Prince George
- Immaculate Conception Job Posting
- St. Vincent de Paul: Employment Opportunities
- Connect + Converse + Evangelize - Poster

#### POSTPONED / CANCELLED EVENTS:

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

#### PLEASE NOTE

- Annual Vocation Discernment Retreat has been changed to Discernment Weekend 2020 Via Zoom

#### 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 [directory](#)**.

**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](#)
- [Vision TV](#)
- [EWTN TV](#)

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**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

- 2. LYNN MONTEITH RETIRING THIS YEAR:** After almost 36 years with the Diocese, our accountant Lynn Monteith will begin retirement in the summer. On behalf of the priests and laity of the Diocese, Bishop Jensen offers her our thanks and best wishes for the future. The Diocese has now begun a search for Lynn's replacement.

A farewell event will be announced when we are able to gather again. Please see attached employment opportunity ad.

3. **\*\* DISCERNMENT WEEKEND 2020 VIA ZOOM** May 8-10, 2020. These two days will be facilitated by Father Terry Brock, Vocation Director, and Fr. Ken Anderson. No Registration Fee!



[Please register here.](#)

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

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**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>

5. **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.
6. **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](http://cgsac.ca) with a section for parents. Please check it out

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7. **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.

## 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”.

### 8. **CONNECT + CONVERSE + EVANGELIZE:** “*Let’s chat with Fathers R And V*”

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](#)

*Let's Chat with Fathers R and V*

connect · converse · evangelize

“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” (Mark 16:7)

**THURSDAYS, 7:00 PM**  
@ THE CONVENIENCE OF YOUR HOME!

LIVESTREAM via SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL Facebook Page

**PREMIERE**  
APRIL 30, 2020

9. **\*\*EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

PLEASE ADVERTISE THIS ON YOUR PARISH WEBSITE

- a. **DIOCESE OF PRINCE GEORGE:** Seeking a Director of Finance – See attached ad
- b. **CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS- PRINCE GEORGE (CISPG)** is **NOW HIRING for the 2020-2021 school year.**

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 <http://cispg.ca/careers/>

- c. **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** Parish Administrative Assistant please see attached ad or call 250-964-4898 for more details.
- d. **ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** 3 temporary positions please see attached ad or email [svdppg@shaw.ca](mailto:svdppg@shaw.ca) for any questions

**Evangelization and Formation**

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**YOUTH**

**\*\* DYC 2020**



**The Gateway:**

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

**John 10:10**