



WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

October 7, 2020



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11, 2020

“Invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.”

Matthew 22: 1-14

When Applicable—please ensure that the following items are in your bulletin and/or are also announced. This will ensure that the same information is being heard across the diocese. Thank you

New Items

- Diocesan Appeal Update
- The Appeal and St. Mary’s New Hazelton
- The NET Team in PG
- Parish WorkSafeBC (WCB) Reports

Attachments

Appeal 2020-21 Update

WCB Form



Dates to Remember

- October (Date-TBA): Onset of Women’s Discernment Group for 16-week period
- October 13 – Start of Monthly Day of Adoration
- October 15 – Life Chain Event

Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

Called Together Big thanks to everyone for all the work done to support this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. We have currently reached \$165,730 in pledges, of which \$19,430 is allocated to parish rebates. That leaves \$146,300 or nearly 74% of the Diocesan Goal. Already four parishes have surpassed their parish goal: St. Joseph's in Vanderhoof at almost 180% of their goal, St. Mary's (PG) at almost 170%, St. Patrick's at over 157%, and Sacred Heart in Terrace at 103%. There are a couple others that are nearly there, with Annunciation and Christ Our Saviour at around 98%.

I would ask that everyone continue to remember that the goal this year is to support the small parishes, missions and ministries of the Diocese – especially those most affected by the reduction in funds from Catholic Missions in Canada. Please continue to encourage parishioners to work toward that goal, as many locations are in real need. With that in mind, I'd ask you to read a report from New Hazelton about how important these funds are for their parish and missions.

We would remind everyone that anonymous donations cannot be provided with a tax receipt. If someone has erroneously indicated that they want the donation to be anonymous, but did not realize that they would not receive a tax receipt, please have them contact the Finance Office at appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca or call 250-964-4424 x2202.

The Appeal and St. Mary's New Hazelton

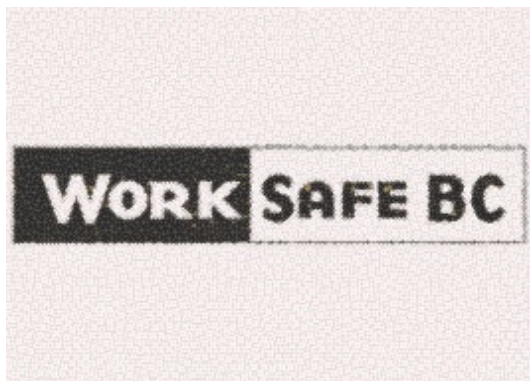
Rhea Joseph, who has been the volunteer bookkeeper in St. Mary's Parish in New Hazelton for over a decade, spoke about how important the Diocesan Annual Appeal support is for the parish and its missions.

New Hazelton has struggled over the past couple of decades as employment opportunities declined. "As the lumber industry got smaller, so did the number of parishioners. People started to move away, as has happened in other communities in our Diocese. Many of the available jobs aren't very well paid." Hopes for new growth had been riding on the economic development on the coast. However, no impact seems to have been felt further inland, and there appears to be little on the horizon. Those who remain at St. Mary's are dedicated to their parish. "There are a core group of people who are very generous in supporting the parish, and they have remained generous during the challenges of COVID. They truly appreciate having a priest at St. Mary's. Before COVID, there would be about twenty-five people at Mass each weekend, fifty Catholics (and many non-Catholics) if it was a bigger event. Since COVID, many people in the region are not ready to return, and attendance is about half."

Since the 1990s, the parish has also been responsible for St. Mary Magdelene Church in Hagwilget and Holy Rosary in Witset (Moricetown) as well as sending Fr. Louis to Stewart. "It's difficult to make ends meet during ordinary years when there is support from CMIC and the Appeal for the parish and the missions. Now, with funding reduced from CMIC, it's even more of a struggle, and we depend on the support we receive from the entire Diocese through the Appeal."

The National Evangelization Team (NET) Ministering in the Diocese of Prince George

A team of seven young Catholics from across Canada and Australia will be arriving in the Diocese later this month, and spending the year ministering to the schools and their parishes for four weeks in each of these communities: Prince George, Dawson Creek, Smithers, Terrace, Kitimat, and Prince Rupert! More information will be sent out to each parish soon! In the meantime, the NET Team is in need of meals and food for this year spent in our Diocese. We are asking parishioners to consider making homecooked meals that can be frozen, stored and easily reheated, or picking up extra groceries on your next trip to the grocery store, or picking up a gift-card for a restaurant or grocery store somewhere in town! More information will be sent out to each parish and school soon! We thank you in advance for contributing to this missionary initiative within our Diocese!



Parish WorkSafeBC (WCB) Reports

Please find attached to the Wednesday Weekly the WorkSafeBC (WCB) report for July 1st to September 30th. All payments that have been made to individuals or contractors who are NOT registered with WorkSafeBC must be reported. Please have the form returned to the Finance Office by October 15th. See the form for further details.

Rachel's Vineyard Fall Retreats

2020 - For a psychological & spiritual journey for healing after abortion.

If you or someone you know is suffering from post-abortion trauma, there is no need to suffer in silence. Rachel's Vineyard is here to help!

Kelowna Retreat: October 16th to 18th

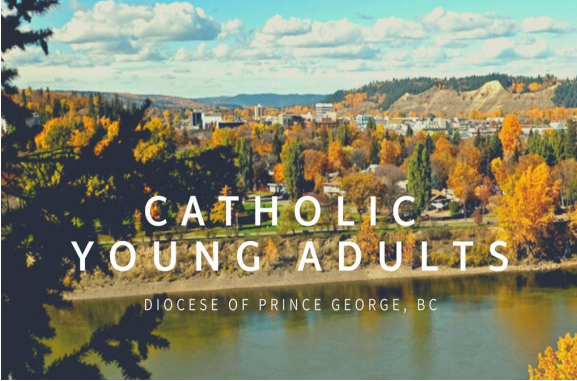
Call/email: 250-762-2273 info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

Cache Creek Retreat: October 21st to 23rd

Call/text: 250-267-5081 rvkamloops@yahoo.ca

Visit Facebook Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

Young Adults



Stay Connected with the Young Adult Community of the PG Diocese!

Stay connected with all things young adult across the Diocese by joining the Catholic Young Adults – Diocese of Prince George, BC Facebook Group!

Click the link below to join and keep updated on all that's going on!

Catholic Young Adults – Diocese of Prince George, BC:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/453972271386325>

Tuesday Night Mass & Adoration

Every Tuesday, at Christ our Saviour Parish, the Mass is celebrated at 5:30pm, followed by one hour of Adoration with praise and worship, time for silent prayer, and the opportunity for Confession!

All young adults are welcome to come, to grow in deeper community with other young Catholics, and to encounter and grow in deeper relationship with Jesus in His presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

5:30pm – Mass

6:00pm – One hour of Adoration

7:00pm – Fellowship Afterwards

Online and TV Opportunities for the Daily and Sunday Mass:

- [Sacred Heart Cathedral, PG Facebook](#)
- [Annunciation Parish Prince Rupert Facebook](#)
- [Sacred Heart, Terrace YouTube Channel](#)
- [Daily Mass with Bishop Robert Barron](#)
- [Daily TV Mass – Warming Faithful Hearts](#)

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](#)

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.*

To receive all diocesan news directly in your inbox or on your phone email 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.