

WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

October 21, 2020



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 25, 2020

"You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself."

Matthew 22: 34-40

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
- Virtual Catholic Conference 2020

Online and TV Opportunities for the Daily and Sunday Mass:

- Sacred Heart Cathedral, PG Facebook
- Annunciation Parish Prince Rupert Facebook
- <u>Sacred Heart, Terrace YouTube Channel</u>
- Daily Mass with Bishop Robert Barron
- <u>Mass Warming Faithful Hearts</u>

Attachments

Appeal 2020-21 Update

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

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

Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

This week we were grateful to receive more than \$15,000 in new pledges. Most of that came from parishes that had already reached their parish goal and will be returned to parishes for their project. A little over \$3,000 went to meet the Diocesan goal. We still have a little more than 17% to go before we reach our \$200,000 target. I would ask that those in parishes that are still working toward their parish goal to continue to encourage parishioners to support the Appeal so that we can meet those funding needs. Every dollar does matter, and we are striving to provide as much support as we can to those who need it most.

We want to recognize St. Joseph's in Vanderhoof for surpassing 200% of their parish goal – St. Patrick's in McBride and St. Mary's (PG) are close behind at over 182%. Annunciation is at 168%, Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart Cathedral are both over 130% and Sacred Heart (Terrace), St. Joseph's (Smithers), and Christ Our Saviour are all over their goal. St. Anthony's in Houston took a big jump to hit 83% and are very close to hitting their goal.

Thank you to all of you for your support and generosity. Let's encourage one another to reach those goals. I would ask that you continue to pray for the success of the Appeal, especially at Mass. Just because the active phase of the Appeal is over does not mean that we're done. We still have some distance to go, and we still have significant needs throughout the Diocese. Prayer that God moves hearts to satisfy those needs is essential.

VIRTUAL Catholic Apologetics Conference

OCTOBER 23-25

THE LARGEST CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS GATHERING, EVER! Be a defender of the faith

There are no shortages of assaults on the Church today. In a world of increasing challengers to the Faith, we need to know, now more than ever, why we believe what we believe.

- Get the answers, the official teaching, how we fight modern heresy, why we need to hold fast to doctrine today more than ever.
- Respond on tough issues, we're diving into today's toughest questions about the Faith so you can be confident when entering challenging conversations on hot-button topics.

https://www.virtualcatholicconference.com/PWA2020

Please click the link to register!

Prince George Parishioners:

Food Donations Needed for the National Evangelization Team (NET

A team of seven young Catholics will be ministering to the eight schools and their parishes of the Diocese this year! While they are ministering in Prince George, they will be staying at the Domano Renewal Centre instead of host homes due to the pandemic. In light of this, they are in need of food donations. If you are interested in being a part of this missionary initiative within our Diocese by helping provide for the food needs of our NET Team, here are three ways you can do so:

- 1. You can choose to: prepare a meal ahead of time, a meal that can be frozen, stored, and then reheated by the NET team at the time they need it. Meals that work well prepared ahead of time, frozen, and then reheated include: lasagnas, soups, chilis, pasta sauces, meat for tacos, bread etc. These frozen meals do not have to feed all 7 of the NET Team Members even if they just feed up to 2 people, that's great!
- 2. You can choose to: pick up a few extra groceries on your next grocery trip. See the attached 'List of Foods' for some ideas!
- 3. Or you can choose to: purchase a monetary gift-card for a grocery store or a food place for any amount even if it's just \$10.
 - a. Here are some ideas:
 - i. Tim Hortons, Booster Juice, McDonalds, Pita Pit, Subway, Mr. Mikes, Original Joe's, Wendy's, A&W, Boston Pizza!
 - ii. Or try local pizza or sushi places, cafes, or any local restaurants a good way to support local businesses!
 - iii. Any grocery stores in the area: Apart from Costco, as the NET Team will not have Costco cards, you can pick up a gift card for Walmart, Superstore, Save On Foods etc.!

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Once you have your donation, what's next?

- 1. You can: Drop off your food donation at the Pastoral Centre (6500 Southridge Ave) anytime during office hours: 9:00am- 4:30pm, Monday to Friday. Pastoral Staff will meet you at the door, observe proper COVID protocols, and receive your food donation!
- 2. Alternatively, if you cannot drop off your donation during office hours, you can contact Lisa at the Pastoral Centre (250-964-4424 EXT. 2109 or <a href="https://www.uku.org/who.ext.org/listed-attent

Some COVID Protocols to take!

- > Those who will be preparing food to donate:
 - repeatedly wash hands throughout preparation, ensuring that the prepared food is handled with clean hands and clean utensils at all times. When you drop off a frozen prepared dish, wrap it in aluminum foil or in a secure container and label it with your name and contact information. Maintain social distance and wear a mask when dropping food off at the Pastoral Centre. The container will be returned to you!
- > Those who will be buying food/gift-cards:
 - When at the grocery store, maintain social distance from others, wear a mask, and when handling food, be sure to only touch what you're buying. When dropping off groceries or gift-cards, make sure they are securely packaged and wiped with a sanitization cloth. Once at the Pastoral Centre, we can also provide sanitization cloths to wipe the packaging.

List of Whole & Preserved Foods for Parishioners Who Wish to Purchase Groceries

Whole Foods

1. Fruits such as apples, oranges, bananas, berries, peaches // Vegetables such as cucumber, carrots, peppers, potatoes, avocados // Bread for sandwiches // Items for salads (Leafy greens such as spinach or lettuce) // Nuts, eggs // Rice, quinoa

Preserved Foods:

1. Canned or dried soup // Cans of Tuna or Salmon // Canned Beans // Peanut Butter, coffee grounds, tea, sugar // Frozen waffles, pancake mix, syrup, jam // Pasta, cereal, granola bars, dried fruit, crackers // Drinks such as pop, juice boxes, water bottles etc.

The NET Team will need these food donations from the PG community starting this week until December 5th, and then once again in March and April. Thank you so much for your generosity, and for being a part of this missionary initiative in our Diocese.

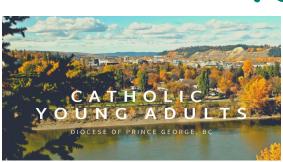
Contact Lisa with any questions or concerns at: P: 250-964-4424 (EXT 2109) E: <u>lvfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca</u>

Rachel's Vineyard Fall Retreats

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

Visit Facebook Rachels Vineyard Kelowna <u>Cache Creek Retreat:</u> October 21st to 23rd Call/text: 250-267-5081 rykamloops@yahoo.ca

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!



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

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 <u>reception@pgdiocese.be.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.