



The Roman Catholic
**DIOCESE OF
PRINCE GEORGE**

WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

December 9, 2020



Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020

*“Among you stands one whom
you do not know.”*

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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



**Pope Francis
proclaims**

“Year of St. Joseph”



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](#)
- [St. Mary's, Prince George YouTube Channel](#)
- [Church of the Resurrection Website](#)
- [Daily Mass with Bishop Robert Barron](#)

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](#)

Attachments

Appeal 2020-21 Update

Advent resource

<https://www.cccb.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/liturgical-calendar/video-reflections/>

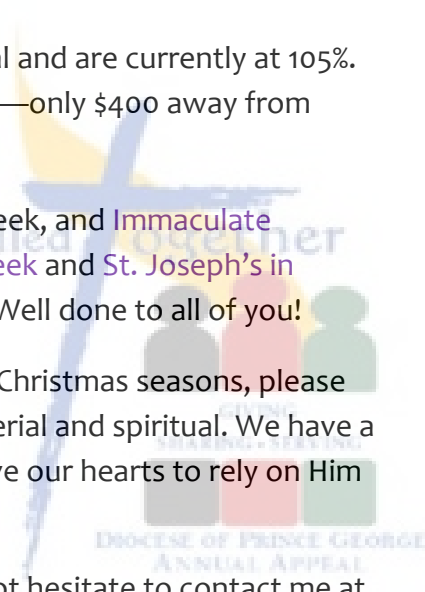
Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

I am very pleased to report that **St. Anthony's in Houston** has met their parish goal and are currently at 105%. We also saw a big jump for **St. Andrew's in Fraser Lake** who are getting very close—only \$400 away from meeting their parish goal.

Annunciation Parish in Prince Rupert managed to cross the 200% threshold this week, and **Immaculate Conception in Prince George** is closing in on that mark. **Notre Dame in Dawson Creek** and **St. Joseph's in Smithers** have also continued to steam ahead with some large increases, as well. Well done to all of you!

With all of the renewed challenges of COVID restrictions through the Advent and Christmas seasons, please remember to be very vigilant in praying for the needs of the entire Diocese – material and spiritual. We have a real need to pray, grounded firmly in genuine confidence in the Lord. May He move our hearts to rely on Him completely and to be faithful cooperators in His work.

If you have any questions about the Appeal or need some assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at jfowlie@pgdiocese.bc.ca or call 250-964-4424 x2202.



Diocesan Pastoral Centre Holiday Hours



Please note that the Diocesan Pastoral Centre will close at noon on December 24th and will reopen on January 4th.

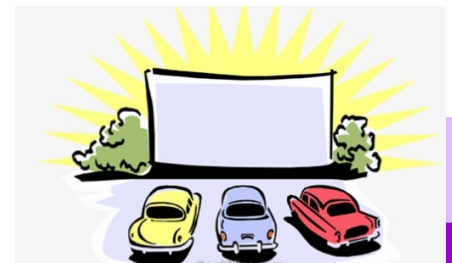
Many of us will be monitoring email and checking voice mail through the break and will try to respond to urgent matters as we can.

Please do not leave a message on the general voice mail box for urgent matters, as these will not be checked until January 4th.

Update on Public Worship Restrictions

The Public Health Inspector for the Northern Health Authority has confirmed that in a “drive-in” service, Holy Communion may be distributed to those who watch a livestream of Mass from their cars in the church parking lot or who hear the Mass via an FM broadcast.

A maximum of 50 vehicles may be present and people must remain in their vehicles. In the case of a large number of vehicles, it may be advisable to distribute Holy Communion after Mass rather than at the usual time. The distribution of Holy Communion should follow normative safety measures, e.g. the priest wearing a mask when he approaches each vehicle.



Online Advent Talk

Fr. Michael Ebomuche and Fr. Maurice Emelu would like to invite you to a virtual conference about the incredible power of faith and how it could be a way to navigate uncertain paths.

Dates & Time

Friday, Dec. 11 @ 6:30 PM

Saturday, Dec. 12 @ 6:30 PM (Saturday talk will end with vigil or Sunday Mass.)

Link for the Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84288099444?pwd=UTJIYTJsSDE4ajlLRHByRmovT2lLZz09>

Meeting ID: 842 8809 9444

Passcode: 519368



Witnesses of Hope Promo - A CNEWA TV Special on Christians in the Middle East

Airing this **Thursday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. ET**, the one-hour TV special is being broadcast in partnership by CNEWA to encourage prayers and funds for Catholic/Eastern Churches in the Middle East, and to learn more about these very ancient Christian communities.

[Please click below to watch the video.](#)



Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent - St. Mary's Parish, Prince George



There will be opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent on a drop-in basis. Times will be:

- Thursday, December 17th @ 6:30 to 8:00 pm
- Saturday, December 19th @ 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon

Please wear a mask inside the Church. Indoor capacity limits will be observed.

Insurance: Arson Risk and Water Damage Prevention Forms

After last week's reminder to get the arson risk and water damage prevention forms to the Finance Office, I was disappointed to see none come in this week. I would appreciate it if you could get them in right away, as we are already delinquent in fulfilling our obligation to the insurers and could result in penalties, including higher premiums.



Now is the Time to Act in Defense of Life!



Bill C-7, the federal government's plan to expand assisted suicide in Canada, has already passed second reading in parliament. **Now is the time to contact our Members of Parliament** to make know our concern about this further assault on life. The link contains several links to understand the issue and find your Member.

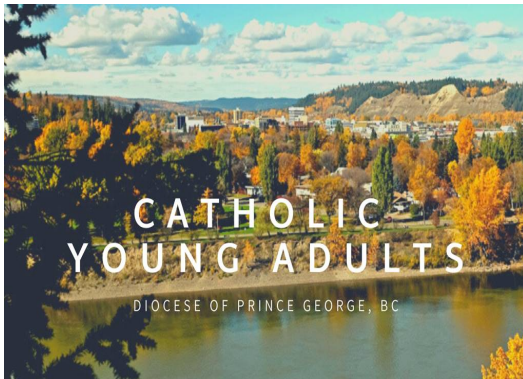
Click the link: [Stop Bill C-7 from expanding euthanasia in Canada](#)

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>



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.