

January 13, 2021



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 17, 2021

"The disciples of John came and saw where Jesus was staying, and they remained with him."

John 1:35-42

Province-wide restrictions

Extension of COVID restrictions

We have just received word that the Public Health Officer will be extending the current restrictions relating to faithbased institutions until February 5th. Therefore, the current measures that are in place throughout the Diocese will continue until that time.

Attachments

- 2020 Parish Statistics Report
- Job Posting: Superintendent

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

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
- Mass-Warming Faithful Hearts
- <u>Christ Our Saviour, PG Facebook</u>

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>
- <u>EWTN TV</u>



Thank you again for your kind generosity and commitment.

Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

The Appeal Office is currently busy finalizing the calculations for our initial distribution of support cheques to the smaller parishes, missions and ministries throughout the Diocese. We are also preparing to send out the first installment of rebate cheques to the parishes who have exceeded their parish goals.

We have not, therefore, been able to finalize the Appeal Update for this week but will have an updated report for next week once the dust has settled. Thank you for your patience with us!

A Change to the Conclusion of the Collect Prayer

Following a request from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments which was sent to the Bishops' Conferences of all English-speaking countries, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops agreed to adjust the English-language wording to the conclusion of the *Collect* (the opening prayer) in the *Roman Missal* as approved for use in Canada. **As of Ash Wednesday**, **17 February 2021**, the word "one" is to be omitted from the conclusion of the Collect, and likewise of similar prayers in the liturgy (for example, the Blessing of Water at the Easter Vigil). Instead of ending "one God, for ever and ever", the Collect will now end "God, for ever and ever".

Until now, the word "one" has been used in the conclusion to the Collect in both the earlier and the current English-language translations of the Roman Missal. However, in consultation with the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, the Bishops of English-speaking countries are in the process of deciding when and how each country will implement this change. The reason for it is to avoid possible misunderstandings about the identity of the Son within the Blessed Trinity, or even the misconception that Our Lord Jesus Christ is "one God" among others.

With this change, the English will now also be consistent with the Latin text, as well as conform with translations into other European languages, including French. The new wording, which amends the English-language translations of n. 54 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, will be incorporated into all future editions of liturgical books approved for use in Canada.

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Exposing the Global Abortion Agenda

Join David Mulroney, former Canadian diplomat and leading expert on China, as he sits down in conversation with author, film maker and global human rights activist Obianuju Ekeocha. You don't want to miss this engaging dialogue on Canada's foreign policy, Canadian aid priorities for Africa, why Canadians should question their government, and how this relates to China's coercive diplomacy. https://coercivediplomacy.ca/

Statistical Information for 2020

In order to submit the Annual Rome Report for 2020, statistical information is needed from each parish. Parishes are asked to complete the attached form and return it by fax (250-964-2101), regular mail (6500 Southridge Avenue, Prince George, BC, V2N 5P9), or email (jgarden@pgdiocese.bc.ca) to Fr. John Garden (Chancellor) by February 1, 2021. Thank you!

Sacramental Records for 2020

Please download and submit all of your sacramental records from Parish Friendly for the 2020 Year via email to Fr. John Garden (Chancellor) at jgarden@pgdiocese.bc.ca by February 1, 2021.

Please ensure that you download using the "Sacraments to CSV" format. Also, please ensure that you do not open the file before sending it as it cannot be uploaded by the Chancery Office if opened beforehand.

For instructions on how to download the sacramental records, please see p. 32 of the Parish Friendly Help Manual. If you still have questions after reviewing p. 32, please contact Mrs. Martha Primus, Administrative and Pastoral Assistant, Immaculate Conception Parish, Prince George at: icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca or (250) 964-4898.

If you do not have parish Friendly – please send a hard copy of your parish registers to Fr. John via fax, scan or postal mail by the above date.



Statistical Information for 2020 due by February 1, 2021

Employment Opportunity

Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria is seeking for Superintendent

(please refer to the attached job posting for details)



Call to Action: All Parishioners/Community Members of Prince George – NET (National Evangelization Team) Food Donations

The seven members of our NET Team are remaining in Prince George for the next upcoming weeks, continuing with ministry to our Catholic schools. As such, they are still in need of food donations such as: homecooked meals (these meals can be any size, amounts can range from feeding 2 team members, or all 7 and anywhere in between), or donations of groceries such as bread, rice, frozen meat (such as chicken breasts) or frozen dinners (such as lasagna or shepherd's pie). The NET team would also be very grateful for donations of gift-cards to grocery stores such as Walmart, Costco and Superstore for any amount.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Vaughan-Farrell either via email: <u>Ivfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca</u> or office phone: 250-964-4424 EXT 2109. Once you have your donation, you can either drop it off at the Pastoral Centre (6500 Southridge Ave) during office hours (8:30-4:30pm, Monday to Friday) or contact Lisa to arrange another way of getting your donation to the NET Team.

Thank you for your continual food donations! And please keep our NET Team in prayer as they continue their ministry within the schools, helping staff and students alike to encounter the face of Christ even more deeply!

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: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/453972271386325</u>

Want to share news in the Wednesday Weekly?

Email <u>reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca</u> 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.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.

