



The Roman Catholic
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PRINCE GEORGE**

Wednesday Weekly

October 27, 2021

**The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 31, 2021**

*“And ‘to love him with all your heart,
with all your understanding, with
all your strength, and to love your
neighbour as yourself’ is worth more
than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”*

-Mark 12:33



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

**Online Broadcast of the Daily / Sunday
Masses:**

- [Sacred Heart Cathedral, PG Facebook](#)
- [Annunciation Parish Prince Rupert Facebook](#)
- [St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers Facebook](#)
- [Church of the Resurrection, Facebook](#)

Attachments

- [Appeal 2020-21 Update](#)

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following or go directly to:**

- [Salt & Light](#)
- [Vision TV](#)
- [EWTN TV](#)

Year of St. Joseph - Webpage



COVID Health Restrictions

New restrictions from Northern Health only permit the live streaming of Masses in areas east of Gitwangak (Kitwanga). We are no longer permitted to have in-vehicle attendance in the parking lot nor the distribution of Holy Communion in either a drive-in or drive-through format. Pastors have been asked to ensure that they are following these restrictions.

Pope Francis to Visit Canada on Pilgrimage of Healing and Reconciliation

On 27 October 2021, regarding an invitation to visit Canada which was issued by Canada's Bishops, the Holy See Press office released the following statement:

"The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has invited the Holy Father to make an apostolic journey to Canada, also in the context of the long-standing pastoral process of reconciliation with indigenous peoples. His Holiness has indicated his willingness to visit the country on a date to be settled in due course."

A [communiqué](#) published by the CCCB says the Bishops invited the Pope to "visit Canada on a pilgrimage of healing and reconciliation."

"The Bishops of Canada have been engaged in discussions with Indigenous Peoples, especially those affected by Residential Schools, who have shared stories about the suffering and challenges that they continue to experience," said the Most Rev. Raymond Poisson, President of the CCCB, in the same communiqué.

During an Angelus address on 6 June 2021, the Pope prayed for the Canadian Church and for the people after the discovery of unmarked graves detected in the grounds of the Church-run Kamloops Indian Residential School this past summer. He also prayed that "Canada's political and religious authorities continue to work together with determination to shed light on this sad event and humbly commit themselves to a path of reconciliation and healing."

Prior to his visit to Canada, Pope Francis is scheduled to meet with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit delegations at the Vatican from December 17-20.

Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeal Update

We are pleased to announce that, thanks to the generosity of so many people throughout the diocese that we are currently have more than \$160,000 pledged to the diocesan goal of \$200,000, putting us at 80%. In addition, another \$42,000 in pledges should go back to parishes as rebates. We are also delighted to announce that over \$51,000 has been pledged toward the Healing and Reconciliation appeal. We hope that—with the news of the pope's forthcoming trip to Canada—we may be able to add to that total in order to support efforts to promote healing and reconciliation between our indigenous and non-indigenous peoples.

We recently have received word from Catholic Missions in Canada that, due to their continued challenges with fundraising, they must continue to limit grants to sustenance and operating costs for our

missions, the funding our smaller parishes and missions receive will be very similar to last year. This will continue to create funding difficulties for them. The support that we receive from the entire diocese through Called Together will help meet those real needs and truly make a significant difference.

This week both Sacred Heart Cathedral in Prince George and Sacred Heart Parish in Terrace met their goal. St. Joseph's in Smithers reached 159% of its goal and a number of parishes made significant steps toward meeting their targets including, Christ Our Saviour, Resurrection Parish in Fort St. John, Holy Cross in Tumbler Ridge, and St. Andrew's in Fraser Lake. We thank everyone for their continued support and generosity in providing assistance to the smaller parishes, missions and ministries across the diocese. We continue to encourage parishes to work to meet their goals so that we are able to meet the needs of these communities.

As always, please remember to pray for the needs of the entire diocese – especially at Mass. Our prayers are an important way to recognize our dependence on the Lord to provide for his Church.

Behold Vancouver – Online Catholic Resources

Behold Vancouver is a place to ask questions, connect with others, and discover more of God. Their content, events, workshops, and tools are designed to help you engage life to its fullest, no matter where you are in your faith. Our hope is you have an opportunity to encounter Jesus and discover more of the life He has for you. Behold is an initiative by the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Find out more at: beholdvancouver.org

Into the Deep: A Reflection on Amoris Laetitia with Archbishop Michael Miller October 29 – Online Event



October 29, join Archbishop J. Michael Miller as he explores the key ideas in Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, Amoris Laetitia, and reflects on the sacredness of the family in God's decisive plan for the future of the world and that of the Church (Amoris Laetitia, 31). Archbishop Miller will speak on how the joyful and sacrificial love of marriage and family reflects the depth of God's love for his people and plays a vital role in the Church's evangelizing mission of sharing the Gospel to the world.

Free registration for this online event at: <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/into-the-deep-7>

AMEN – A New, Free Catholic Prayer App



Available now from the Augustine Institute is a brand new Catholic prayer app called "Amen." This app offers a strong focus on reflecting with Scripture; it includes Daily Readings, Daily Reflections, Evening Psalms and a preparation for Mass called "Opening the Word." It also includes a "Bible in a Year" feature for listening to all 73 books of the bible in manageable, 20 minutes bites.

The app is available for download on iOS or Android [here](#).

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