

Wednesday Weekly

November 24, 2021

First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021

"Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

-Luke 21.28



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 2021-22 Update
- Diocese of Saskatoon Job Posting

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

- Salt & Light
- Vision TV
- EWINTV

Year of St. Joseph - Webpage



Diocesan Appeal and Healing and Reconciliation Appeal Update

This week we got to just over 88% of our diocesan goal in pledges, reaching \$176,353 in contributions which will go to our smaller parishes, missions and ministries. In addition, parishes received another \$6,700 in donations that will go back to the parishes, for a total of nearly \$64,000 in rebates once those pledges are received.

I note that Christ the King Parish jumped 14% and is very close to meeting their parish goal, and Immaculata in Burns Lake is at 90%. St. Anthony's in Houston is only a couple percent away from their goal -- well done! And Resurrection Parish is almost at 75% -- well on their way to meeting their goal.

A number of other parishes have continued to build on their goal and have been increasing the amount that they will receive in rebates.

I am very pleased to announce that we are almost at \$60,000 in our Healing and Reconciliation Appeal. We continue to work on plans as to how those funds will be used, and the dialogue is continuing.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to these important needs of our diocesan family, whether in financial or spiritual contributions. We ask you to keep these needs in your prayers.

Alpha Canada Catholic Update

As you know our Diocese hosted a webinar last Thursday evening with Alpha Canada Catholic. The zoom call was well attended and was very informative as well.

If you attended, or if you were unable to attend, the following resources will help you explore Alpha in a Catholic setting in Canada. Alpha is thriving across our Catholic Church, with over 600 Alphas running in Canada this year in a Catholic parish or school. Over 6,000 parishes across the globe are running Alpha.

To help you explore Alpha in your parish, please check out the following resources:

- 1. Please explore the website "Alpha in a Catholic setting", link here: https://alphacanada.org/catholic-context/
- 2. Please watch the short 2:48 (2 minute 48 second video) Alpha Catholic video featuring Cardinal Schonborn, Cardinal Tagle, Dr. Mary Healey and more recommending Alpha in the Catholic Church. https://www.alphacanada.org/catholic/
- 3. If you have time, please review the Proclaim link to "Why the Catholic Church should embrace Alpha". Fr. Mallon describes why Alpha is perfectly suited for the Catholic Church.

View the link from the weareproclaim site as part of R.C.A.V. Link here: https://weareproclaim.com/resources/is-alpha-catholic-enough

If you have any follow up questions about these materials, or how you can engage parishioners to start an Alpha in your parish, or small group, please contact me (Fr. Ken, kanderson@pgdiocese.ca), or Ed Zadeiks or Julia Kozak on their below contact information:

Ed Zadeiks: email at ezadeiks@alphacanada.org

Julia Kozak: email at jkozak@alphacanada.org

Diocese of Saskatoon Job Posting – Administration and Finance Director

The Diocese of Saskatoon has posted a job for a Director of Administration and Finance. They are searching for someone who has 7-10 years of experience in financial and human resources, a Bachelor's degree in Commerce or another business-related field, as well as the Chartered Professional Accountant Designation.

Please see this week's attachments or the posting on the Diocese of Saskatoon's website for more information: https://rcdos.ca/2021/11/19/seeking-a-director-of-administration-and-finance/

The application deadline is 4:30 PM on December 3, 2021.

The Spirituality of Advent - FREE Advent Webinar with Dr. Tim Gray

The president of the Augustine Institute, Dr. Tim Gray, is offering a free, live webinar reflection on the spirituality of advent which will focus on living this advent season well so we can be prepared to receive the greatest gift of peace that God the Father gives us at Christmas: His Son, Jesus.

It will take place on Tuesday, November 30 at 11 a.m. MT. This will be 10 a.m. PST.

Register <u>here</u> to secure your live spot or to receive a recording of the webinar.

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.

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