



The Roman Catholic  
**DIOCESE OF  
PRINCE GEORGE**

# Wednesday Weekly

December 8, 2021

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**National Day of Prayer in Solidarity**  
**with Indigenous Peoples**  
**December 12, 2021**

*The crowds asked, "What should we do?"*

*-Luke 3.10*



**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](#)
- [Notre Dame Parish, Dawson Creek, Facebook](#)

## Attachments

- [Appeal 2021-22 Update](#)

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](#)

## Year of St. Joseph - Webpage



## Rest in Peace – William Joseph

In your charity, please remember Brother Roy Joseph's brother William, who died recently from COVID-related issues.

May he rest in peace and may God comfort Brother Roy's family as they mourn their loss.

## Pastoral Centre Christmas Schedule

The Pastoral Centre will close at noon on December 24th and will reopen on January 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

In case of an urgent need during that time, please use the automated telephone system to leave a voice mail or you can send an email. We will do our best to get back to you as soon as we can. Non-urgent messages will receive a response upon our return.

## Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeals

Thank you again to all those who are supporting the smaller parishes, missions and ministries throughout the diocese by your financial and spiritual contribution to our diocesan appeal. This week was fairly quiet, and we only managed to get a little bit closer to our diocesan goal, gaining 0.5% to get to 89.21%. However, many of the parishes that have met their parish goals have continued to receive pledges adding almost \$7,000 to parish rebates which now total almost \$79,000. In addition, the Healing and Reconciliation Appeal has received over \$63,000 in pledges of which over \$60,000 has already been received. We truly appreciate the support from everyone in the diocese.

## December 12, 2021 – National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

On December 12, 2021—the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe—the Church in Canada also marks the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This year, the reflection by the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council focuses on the theme: *We are called to Healing, Forgiveness, Reconciliation.*

You can read the full message and reflection [here](#).

## Indigenous Delegation to the Vatican Postponed

The Indigenous Delegation which was scheduled to visit the Vatican later this month has been postponed due to the ongoing and evolving situation with COVID-19.

In a joint statement, the delegates and Canadian Bishops referred to the decision as a “heartbreaking one, made after careful consultation with delegates, family members, community leaders, public health officials and the leadership of each of the three National Indigenous Organizations.”

The statement also said it was “important to note that the delegation is postponed not cancelled” and that it will be rescheduled to the earliest opportunity in 2022. There are presently several Canadian Bishops in Rome speaking with Vatican officials to ensure the delegation is rescheduled in a timely manner. The full statement can be read on the CCCB website [here](#).

## Advent Daily Reflections with Dr. Tim Gray

Formed is offering free daily Advent reflections with Dr. Tim Gray, president of the Augustine Institute.

Anyone who signs up will receive free video commentary on the day's Mass Readings, as well as practical insights on how to apply the scriptures to your life. These commentaries are delivered straight to your inbox every morning.

You can sign up for the reflections [here](#).

## Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation 2022 Program – Application Deadline December 15, 2021

The Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation is currently accepting applications for its 2022 program.

The program is open to all Canadian Catholic women, from all walks of life who have a genuine interest in making a difference in their communities and places of work.

A candidate must be a Catholic woman, at least 21 years of age, demonstrate oral and written English language competencies, have a genuine desire to cultivate her gifts of leadership, and have made a previous contribution to her community in some capacity.

The Program is a 11-month Certificate program with an ongoing mentorship once the course work is completed. Throughout the Program, participants will be guided by professional facilitators from Saint Paul University. The Program is specifically designed to integrate faith and life, personal and professional leadership development. Spirituality and a Catholic faith perspective are the foundation of all activities; prayer and reflective practice are core elements integrated throughout the program.

The application requires 2 letters of reference and a 500-word essay regarding the applicant's leadership goals. Though the program cost is estimated at \$10,000, successful applicants **need only pay a \$1,000 program fee**. If you would like to apply, click [here](#).

## Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care

There is now a Toolkit of free resources available on the CCCB website regarding Palliative Care. Horizons of Hope is an educational resource which provides formation and education on suffering and end of life issues in 4 modules:

- Module 1: Understanding the Experience of Death and Dying
- Module 2: Discerning and Making Decisions at the end of life
- Module 3: Accompanying at the end of life
- Module 4: Supporting and integrating inside the wider community

It is designed for a wide audience, including anyone seeking to understand Catholic teaching on end of life, loved ones accompanying someone who is terminally ill, caregivers, those who have been recently diagnosed with a terminal illness, and communities and parishes seeking to better serve their

communities. The resources available are completely free and also available for download and distribution at no charge.

The toolkit can be found [here](#).

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