

# Wednesday Weekly

January 12, 2022

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16, 2022

Jesus did the first of his signs in Cana of Galilee.

-John 2.11



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
- Sacred Heart Parish, Terrace, YouTube

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

- Salt & Light
- Vision TV
- EWINTV

#### **Attachments**

- Appeal 2021-22 Update
- Rome Report Parish Statistics Form

### Dispensation of the Obligation to Attend Sunday Mass

During the time of restrictions imposed by the Northern Health Authority on in-person attendance at religious services, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation will continue.

We look forward to the day when we will be in the situation of the rest of the province, which allows everyone access to the church building.

### Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeal Update

We are once again very grateful for all of those supporting our Diocesan Annual Appeal, "Called Together," and the Healing and Reconciliation Appeal. Your generosity, both financially and with your prayers, for the needs of our diocese is deeply appreciated by those of us at the Pastoral Centre and especially by those throughout the diocese who receive the funds raised.

Our last update was on December 15th. Since then, our total pledged has reached \$291,150 for Called Together. That brings us to nearly 94% of our diocesan goal and will provide rebates of more than \$100,000 for projects and needs in our parishes once the pledges are received.

We have had three parishes meet their parish goal since December 15th: Immaculata in Burns Lake jumped 33% to reach 126% of their goal, St. Andrew's in Fraser Lake added 21% to hit 101% of their goal, and St. Peter's in Mackenzie made a tremendous leap, adding an amount equal to their parish goal over the past four weeks and going from 54% to 154%! Well done all of you. All funds above their parish goals that we now receive will go back for the needs and projects of those parishes.

Other parishes also made some significant progress toward their parish goals since our last report: Resurrection Parish managed to add 7% to reach 82% of their parish goal and are now only \$2,600 away from their target. St. Mary's in New Hazelton jumped 32% to reach 94% of their goal and are only \$140 away.

Some parishes that have already met their parish goals also continued to add to their rebates: St. Anthony's added 15% to hit 122%; St. Mary's PG added 15% to reach 212%; St. Joseph's Vanderhoof added 23% to make it to 213%; and Sacred Heart Cathedral added 25% to get to 177% of their parish goal.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Called Together. At the end of January, we will begin funding the smaller parishes, missions and ministries throughout the diocese from the financial support you have provided. In addition, we will also send the first round of rebates to the parishes based on the pledges received by January 25th. We will issue the next update on January 26th.

Our diocesan Healing and Reconciliation Appeal has also reached \$70,784, of which almost \$70,000 has been collected. We are very thankful for this powerful expression of support for this very necessary work. We continue in the planning stages to identify meaningful initiatives that will promote healing and reconciliation between our indigenous and non-indigenous brothers and sisters and will have more information to share over the next few months.

#### Parish Statistical Information for 2021

In order to submit the Annual Rome Report for 2021, 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 2, 2022. Thank you!

### Parish Sacramental Records for 2021

Please download and submit all of your sacramental records from **Parish Friendly** for the 2021 Year via email to Fr. John Garden (Chancellor) at <a href="mailto:jgarden@pgdiocese.bc.ca">jgarden@pgdiocese.bc.ca</a> by **February 2, 2022**. 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: <a href="mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca">icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca</a> 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 **February 2, 2022**.

### Job Posting – "Hope for Women" Ultrasound Technician

Advokate, the Pro-Life organization which runs Prince George's "Hope for Women" pregnancy centre, is looking to hire an ultrasound technician from Prince George or the surrounding area to operate the centre's new ultrasound equipment.

The ideal candidate has a diploma in Sonography and shares the same life-affirming values that Advokate holds. The job has flexible days and hours and is available immediately.

If you or someone you know would like to learn more and/or apply, click here.

### Want to share news in the Wednesday Weekly?

Email <u>reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca</u> by **NOON** on Tuesday.

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