



The Roman Catholic
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Wednesday Weekly

January 26, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 30, 2022

*"Truly, I say to you, no prophet
is acceptable in his own country."*

-Luke 4.24



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](#)
- [EWTN TV](#)

Attachments

- Superintendent of Schools –
Diocese of Kamloops Job Posting
- 2021-22 Appeal Update
- 2021 Parish Statistics for Rome –
Fillable Form

The Sunday Obligation

Now that the Northern Health Authority has revised its rules to be the same as those in other areas of the province, permitting both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals to attend in-person religious services, the Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays is ended. Now we can all gather to worship God through the highest prayer, the Holy Mass. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches:

"2176 The celebration of Sunday observes the moral commandment inscribed by nature in the human heart to render to God an outward, visible, public, and regular worship "as a sign of his universal beneficence to all."¹⁰⁹ Sunday worship fulfills the moral command of the Old Covenant, taking up its rhythm and spirit in the weekly celebration of the Creator and Redeemer of his people.

2177 The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and His Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. "Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church."¹¹⁰

2178 This practice of the Christian assembly dates from the beginnings of the apostolic age.¹¹² The Letter to the Hebrews reminds the faithful "not to neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but to encourage one another."¹¹³

Tradition preserves the memory of an ever-timely exhortation: Come to Church early, approach the Lord, and confess your sins, repent in prayer.... Be present at the sacred and divine liturgy, conclude its prayer and do not leave before the dismissal.... We have often said: "This day is given to you for prayer and rest. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."¹¹⁴

The Sunday obligation

2180 The precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass."¹¹⁷ "The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day."¹¹⁸

2181 The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor.¹¹⁹ Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.

2182 Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. the faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God's holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

It goes without saying that those who have flu-like symptoms, have compromised immunity or are housebound are not obliged to attend Mass; in fact, they should stay home for the sake of their own health and that of others.

Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeal Updates

We have had a quiet two weeks with our Appeals, and there hasn't been much change since the last update. We are so pleased at the generous participation of so many contributors throughout the diocese. Your financial and spiritual support helps meet the needs of so many of our smaller parishes, missions and ministries throughout the entire diocese. Thank you again for your continued support.

This week marks an important milestone in the Called Together Diocesan Annual Appeal. We will be making the first installment of payments to those parishes, missions and ministries that benefit from the diocesan appeal funds. We will also be paying out the parish rebates for those parishes whose pledges received exceeds 100% of its goal. We hope to share with you some of the letters of gratitude that we receive from appeal recipients.

Please remember that these appeals continue until June 30, 2022. We will gratefully continue to accept your prayers and financial support to help meet the needs of the entire diocese.

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 jgarden@pgdiocese.bc.ca 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: 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 **February 2, 2022**.

DDF Statements

DDF statements were sent by email on Wednesday, January 19. The statements were sent directly from our accounting software to the parish priest. The software is limited to one email address per customer statement and each statement was sent in a separate email. School accounts were also emailed to the principals. Priests and principals are asked to forward the statements as required.

If your parish or school has a number of accounts and you would like them to be consolidated into the main account please email Lynn at lynn-monteith@pgdiocese.bc.ca.

Employment Opportunities

- **Sonographer/Ultrasound Technician**
 - Hope for Women is actively hiring for a Sonographer/Ultrasound Technician Position to start ASAP. Interested applicants should send their resume with a cover letter to marie@advokate.ca. Visit <https://advokate.ca/get-involved/> for more details and the complete job description.
- **Superintendent of Schools – Diocese of Kamloops**
 - The Roman Catholic Diocese of Kamloops has posted a position for the Superintendent of Schools. Please see the attached Job aid or visit their online posting at <https://www.rcdk.org/employment-opportunities>

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